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CLEM, THE OUTLAW.

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CHAPTER I.

The people of the Bald Knob neighborhood, on the Missouri Pacific railway, couldn't understand why Clem Holder should go wrong. His people were sturdy, honest, and certainly did everything that lay within the range of their ability to give the boy a start in life, but he went wrong. But not in the tiresome, everyday manner, mind you. He didn't steal a horse, and thereby invite the contempt of the neighborhood. He did not commit an offense so commonplace and so free from exposure that a man of ordinary nerve would have contemplated it without alarm. No; he jumped on a pay car, robbed the paymaster and killed a meddlesome fellow who ventured to protest or offer advice or something of the sort.

What a handsome fellow Clem was! He was strong and of rather good size, but his features were as delicate and as refined as a girl's. His eyes were of that peculiar blue that bespeak innocence or deviltry, you can never determine which, and his hair was long and inclined to curl. Had he been reared in the old atmosphere of Italy he would either have been an artist or a bandit. He had been morbidly restless all his life, dissatisfied with the present and feeling that the future had nothing for him, and when his parents had bade the world good night and gone to eternity's bed he yielded no longer to restraint.

The Missouri Pacific Railway company offered a large reward for him. The sheriff of the county happened to want money at that time and said that he believed he would go out and lead Clem to justice. He went out on a fairly good horse and came back in a wagon, and, while his friends were burying him near old Ebenezer church, some one remarked that Clem always had been a sort of independent fellow, and that he was "powerful slow" in yielding to persuasion. Well, a very noted man, a great catcher of illicit distillers, said that Clem must answer for his crimes, and, with a few selected men, went after him. Clem met them unexpectedly, and—well, he still refused to yield to persuasion, and when the fragments of the argument were gathered up the great catcher of illicit distillers was labeled and sent to his friends.

After several other attempts had been made the arrest of Clem Holder was regarded as an eventful but unenjoyable undertaking. The young fellow lived in the hills, rode a good horse, and, in the opinion of many people who knew him, was about as near a king as an American could wish to be.

For many years Clem had been deeply in love with Silla Garrett, a handsome young woman, the belle of a hundred country dances. She was a cold piece of proud flesh. Your celebrated beauty may be cold, but she cannot hope to rival the imperial chilliness of the backwoods belle. The rough homage of the fellow, with his trousers in his boots, inspires more of a contemptuous loftiness in a backwoods queen than the polished worship of the courtier could possibly inspire in a beauty celebrated by two continents.

Silla did not tell Clem that she would not marry him. When he had actually fallen at her feet, long before he had robbed the pay car, and implored her to be his wife, she had told him that she was so poor herself that she could not afford to marry a poor man. He had been kept so busy for a time after he committed the robbery that he did not have an opportunity to call on her, but several days after he had parted with the great catcher of illicit distillers he rode up to the fence surrounding old man Garrett's house and yelled, "Hello, in there!"

Silla came to the door and exclaimed, "Why, Clem Holder, what on earth are you doin here?"

"Oh, I'm out payin up a few calls that I happened to owe. I've been kept pretty busy lately. I used to think that I might never get into business, but I've had no cause to complain since I took up railroad work."

"Clem Holder, you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"Oh, I reckon it ain't as bad as that! I don't see why a man should be ashamed of himself when he's doing as well as he can. In this life we ought to be censured for failin to do our duty, but when we have improved each shinin hour, as the feller says, we ought to be complimented. Say, where's the old man?"

"Clem Holder, you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

"Gone to mill."

"Where's the old woman?"

"Up stairs, sick with a headache."

"May I come in?"

"No."

"Why?"

"Why! Do you reckon I want you to come in our house and be shot there?"

"Who's goin to shoot me?"

"Oh, what's the use in askin such foolish questions? You know the railroad is after you."

"Yes, and the railroad is about fast enough to catch me, but the train is hardly due yet. Let me come in, Silla. I've got somethin to say to you."

"Can't you say it out there?"

"I'm afraid somebody might hear me."

"No, you ain't. A man that ain't afraid to rob a railroad ain't afraid to have anybody hear what he says."

"From a woman's standpoint, no," he answered, stroking his horse's mane, "but from a man's standpoint, yes. A feller that ain't afraid to fight a brave man is sometimes afraid to have a coward hear him talk. Silla, you told me some time ago that you couldn't afford to marry a poor man. You knew how I loved you, knew that your words stabbed me with a frost covered knife. I wanted money—I wanted you—so I robbed a pay car. I'm not so mighty rich yet, but I've got enough to keep you from work. Now, you just get up here behind me, and we'll leave the country. I'll take you away off somewhere, and we can live as happy as a king and queen. Come, Silla."

"Look here, man, do you take me for a fool?"

"I'd like to take you for anything. Come, Silla."

"Nonsense, Clem! Do you reckon I would marry a robber and a—a—murderer?"

"I am a robber, but I'm not a murderer. I robbed because I wanted you, and I shot because men wanted me. Men wanted me for money. They didn't care anything about justice. They wanted the reward, and a constant seeker after reward ain't any better than a robber. But that's neither here nor there. I want you to go with me."

"Oh, I can't, Clem!"

"Why?"

"Oh, you know why! It would be so awful. I'd have to go away where I'd never see any of my folks again, and—oh, I just can't!"

"Is it because you love some other man?"

"No."

"If you do, I will kill the man."

"I don't love anybody but—but"—

"Out with it!"

"But you, Clem."

"Thank God for them words! Let me get down and kiss you."

"Oh, Clem, you are the foolishest man I ever saw!"

"Not foolish, but in love, Silla. May I come in the house?"

"No, no! I couldn't think of such a thing. Pap might come home."

"Well, what could he do?"

"He could give me an awful goin over. No, Clem, you mustn't come in. Some time you may, but not now. Say, Clem, if I ask you somethin, will you think me funny?"

"Nothin that's beautiful can be funny."

"Well, I wanted to ask you this—now I just know you'll think I'm funny."

"No, I won't."

"Honest?" And then she laughed. Talk of honesty to a robber! "Honest?" she repeated.

"Honest."

"Well, how much money did you get out of that pay car? Now, there, I told you you'd think I was funny."

He laughed and affectionately stroked his horse's mane.

"Honest, now, don't you think I'm funny?"

"No. Let me see. I got about $16,000."

"Lord, of alive!" she gasped, and then exclaimed: "Yonder comes pap. You'd better go."

But he did not go. He sat stroking his horse's mane, waiting for old man Garrett. The old fellow tumbled the bag of meal on the fence, turned his horse into a lot, and then slowly came forward with a scowl on his face. He stopped, put one foot on a low stump and then asked, "What are you doin here, Clem Holder?"

"Oh, sorter restin awhile!"

"Well, this is a mighty pore place to rest. I've been livin here fifty odd year, and I ain't never had no rest yet, so if you are in need of that article I reckon you'd better shove on somewhar else. Silla," he called, "go in the house. Now, look here, Clem Holder," he added when the girl disappeared, "I want to tell you one thing, and that's this: You must keep away from my house. I never did have any too much use for you, and your robbery and killin ain't improved things none. What are you hangin round here for anyway?"

"I love your daughter."

"Love the devil!" the old man stormed.

"No; love an angel."

"Well, then," the old man replied, with an air of compromise, "we'll say that the devil loves an angel, but that ain't what I want to git at. You must keep away from my house. I don't want to be took up on your account and put in jail, and I won't be if I can help it nuther. You have ruined yourself and disgraced all your friends, and I'll be blamed if you shall draw me into it! Do you hear?"

"Yes, but I must tell you that I won't keep away except on one condition."

"Well, and what is it?"

"That Silla will keep away with me."

"Clem Holder, I don't want to hurt you."

"All right; and I don't intend you shall; so, you see, we have come to a pretty good understandin. Now, let me ask you a few questions: Did the railroad ever help you in any particular way?"

"Help me? The infernal scoundrels killed my cow and never paid me more than half price!"

"Well, then, they robbed you, didn't they?"

"Of course they did."

"Ah, b'gum! and I robbed them!"

"But what's that got to do with me?"

"A good deal. I will give you the price of 100 cows if you will give me your daughter."

"Clem Holder, I have struggled along the best I could and managed to live somehow, without ever takin a dishonest cent, and it is most too late to begin now. Go on away from here and don't come back again."

"There's no use talkin, old man, I can't do it. If you won't give me your daughter, I will do you as I did the railroad—rob you."

"And I will do you as I did Bud [illegible] ten years ago—kill you."

"All right, old man; I won't deny you the pleasure of tryin, but I'll protest against the accomplishment, as the feller says. Well, I must be goin. Good day!"

CHAPTER II.

Another attempt to capture Clem Holder was made, and all that kept a daring deputy sheriff from hitting the [illegible] was the fact that a rain had fallen the night before. But Clem was pushed so hard this time that he fled to the mountains.

One day a man called at old man Garrett's and asked for Silla. She came into the room, and the man said:

"I want to talk sense to you for a few moments."

"That is somethin remarkable," she answered. "It isn't often that a man wants to talk sense to a woman."

He bowed and thanked her. "That fellow, Holder," said he, "has given it out that he got $16,000 from the railroad company, but he didn't—he got only $700."

"Is that all?" she asked, with falling countenance.

"Every cent."

"Then why are they tryin so hard to catch him?"

"To make an example of him."

"But what have I got to do with it?"

"A good deal. You can help us catch him."

"But why should I want you to catch him?"

"Now, miss, let me talk sense. If you should run away and marry him—hold on," he broke off, holding up one hand. "I know that you are going to say that it's none of my business, but be patient a moment. If you were to run away with him, he would lead you a dog's life. He hasn't money enough to get anywhere, and it would simply be a dodge and a fight all the time. You are fitted for better things. If you had money enough to go to a large city and put on a handsome dress, you would soon become celebrated as the—now, pardon me—as the most beautiful woman in the entire country. In society a queen is nowhere in comparison with a beautiful woman, and you would stand at the head of the list. Great men would fall down and worship you, and you could marry a foreign duke and live in a magnificent palace. It is a woman's duty to make the most of herself. Love is all well enough as a poetic idea, but ill mated love cannot last. Leading a dodging life, a life of hardship, you would soon lose your beauty, and then your outlaw husband would find you a burden on his hands. Now, you arrange it so we can capture him, and we will make you a queen. We will give you $2,000 in money and will send you to St. Louis in a splendid palace car, all your own. Be sensible."

"But how can I help you catch him?"

"Easily enough. The next time you see him you can make an appointment to meet him somewhere. You can give him something in a glass of water to make him sleep, and then slip a pair of handcuffs over his hands."

"Oh, I don't see how I could."

"You can, easily enough, if you are sensible. I tell you that it is your duty to make the most of yourself. Nature has done her part, and now you must do yours."

"Oh, I don't know what to do! But I would like so much to live in a palace."

"You can, just as well as not."

"I wish I knew what to do."

"You will know when you have studied over this matter in a sensible way. I will hang around in the neighborhood. When he comes again, you make an appointment to meet him."

"But he may not come again soon."

"Yes, he will." The officer of the law knew that the robber would come soon. The shrewd fellow had adroitly sent to the mountains a report that Silla was to be married.

Several days passed. It was Sunday. Old Garrett and his wife were at church. Silla was at home. A slight noise attracted her attention. She went to the door. Clem had just ridden up to the fence.

"Why, what are you doin here?"

"Lookin for a man."

"What do you want with him?"

"Want to kill him."

"What for?"

"Because he's goin to marry you."

"Oh, what a goose you are! Nobody's goin to marry me—that is, not now."

"I heard you were goin to be married."

"You've heard more'n I ever did. Clem, you know I couldn't marry anybody but you."

"Well, but you won't even marry me."

"Yes, I will some time, but I can't now. Why haven't you been to see me?" she asked.

"If I had thought you wanted to see me," he said, "I would have risked everything and come. They have been pushin me mighty close lately. May I come in?"

"No, not now, but if you will come next Sunday you may."

"Say I may come in now."

"No; next Sunday. Everybody will be away then, and we'll just have a lovely time."

"I will be here."

The old people went to church the following Sunday. The girl eagerly watched for the coming of the young man. He came. He did not ride up to the fence. He came stealthily out of the woods. The girl met him at the door and kissed him. He attempted to take her in his arms, but she drew back and said:

"No, not now. After awhile you may. Sit down and talk to me nice—tell me how much you love me."

He put his winchester rifle beside his chair. "If I were to tell you how much I love you, I—oh, I couldn't do it, that's all." He remained silent for a few moments, and then said, "Now that I have got in here I don't hardly know what to say." He was silent again. "I know, though," he began after a time, "that no human bein was ever loved as much as you are. I have loved you ever since you were a child, and it has grown on me. The stronger I got the more I loved you. I have always had you in mind as an angel, the emblem of all that is good, and if I should lose confidence in you I wouldn't care to live. I know it sounds strange when I talk of anybody bein good when I am so bad myself, but I can't help it."

"Oh, you'll never have cause to lose confidence in me, Clem! You look tired, dear."

"I am a little worn, for they push me mightily sometimes."

"Let me fix you somethin to eat?"

"No; I ain't hungry. Silla," he suddenly spoke up, "I will always be gentle with you; it don't make any difference if I have killed men. Oh, you are an angel!" Her hair had fallen loose, and, in a silken maze, was hanging about her shoulders. "I do believe you are the most beautiful creature in the world, and, it wouldn't make any difference where you might go, all the other women would have to take a back seat."

"I hope you'll always think so, dear. Do let me fix you somethin. Oh, I have some of the best blackberry cordial you ever drank! Won't you drink some of it for me—just because I made it?"

"Yes; I will do anything for you."

She brought the wine in a teacup, and he drank it.

"What's the matter with you, angel?" he asked. "You look scared."

"Nothin. I was just thinkin—just sorter afraid that they might catch you."

"Not much danger. The only way they can do is to slip up on me."

He talked of his love. "You are noddin, dear. Won't you lie down on the bed for a little while? I will keep watch and tell you if I see anybody comin."

"No; I must go putty soon. I must—I must"— He was asleep. She sprang to a table and snatched a pair of handcuffs out of a drawer, and then, with the quickness of fright, snapped them on his wrists. She ran to the door and looked out. No one in sight. She looked back at the sleeping man, and, uttering a shriek, sprang at him and wildly tried to tear the handcuffs off his wrists.

"Get out of here!" she shrieked.

"Clem!" she cried. "Clem, wake up—oh, my darlin, wake up! Oh, I don't want to be a queen! I don't want men to worship me! I want your love! Clem, oh, for God's sake, wake up! My head was turned, but it isn't now! Oh, I can't get them off! Oh!"—

Three men entered the room. "Get out of here!" she shrieked. "He is mine, and you shan't have him!"

The men seized him. He did not awake. "Let him be!" she screamed, throwing her arms about his neck and passionately kissing him. "Oh, you devils—you hell hounds! Don't take him away! Oh, for mercy's sake, don't!" she implored, sinking upon her knees. They dragged Clem toward the door. She shrieked and fell on the floor, and one of the men in his excitement trod on her beautiful hair.

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The prisoner deserved no mercy, the judge said, and so said the jury.

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A gallows was erected near the railroad track, and a man slowly swung to and fro, a weird accompaniment to the creaking of a beam overhead.

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Two men were riding along a lonely road. "What peculiar noise is that?" one of them asked.

"You have heard of Clem, the outlaw, haven't you? He loved old Garrett's daughter. She's down there in the hollow, crying. Goes down there every day. She's all the time trying to tear something off her wrists. Crazy!"

THE END.

AARON BURR'S FARMHOUSE.

The Building, Which Is Over a Century Old, Still Standing.

On the corner of Hudson and Charlton streets is a frame building which, to a critical eye, would seem to be tumbling down, or rather would apparently be if it were not held up by the adjoining building. The window frames, which once were square, are quite out of plumb, dropping downward on the south side. The ceilings are low on every floor, and on the Hudson street front the first floor, which is a little above the sidewalk and reached by a few steps, has been transformed into a couple of small stores, while the entrance to the upper floors is gained through a door on Charlton street. An extension has been erected on this side to the main building so as to cover the lot.

The building was formerly the farmhouse of Aaron Burr and was located on the top of Richmond hill, through which Varick street was cut. When these streets were laid out, the old farmhouse was brought down to the road, which is now Hudson street, and placed on a vacant lot, then and now at the corner of Charlton street. Opposite to it was placed another frame house, which had been removed after the great fires of 1835 and 1845, from Chambers street, where it was known as the "Old Brown Jug." This removal had been caused by the extension of the fire limits in the lower portion of the city. A few years ago the "Old Brown Jug" building was condemned and torn down. In its place a brick structure has been erected. But so far the old Burr house has been spared, for, although it is out of plumb, the building was so strongly constructed that there is little danger of its falling.

For many years the old house was occupied by an old time "leather head watchman," who, after his retirement from that service, employed his time in making leather traveling trunks, which he sold on this corner, occupying the upper floors with his family. At his death, a few years ago, the family, like many of those who formerly resided in Greenwich village, removed to the upper part of the city, and the building has since ceased to be inhabited by one family.—New York Mail and Express.

GOOD COPS AS EASY MARKS.

A Retired Bunko Man's Idea of the Value of Regularity to the Crook.

An old time crook stood on a Broadway corner, in the Tenderloin district, late one night recently, watching a young policeman trying the store doors. The policeman did the work with great care and regularity.

"That's a careful copper," the crook volunteered, addressing a man who was standing a few feet away.

"Yes," replied the other. "Evidently he wants to gain the good opinion of his superiors."

The old time crook laughed.

"It would surprise you," he continued, "wouldn't it, to hear that that sort of a careful cop is a dead easy mark for thieves?"

"I don't see how," returned the citizen.

"Easy enough," retorted the crook. "It's your careful copper that can be easily spotted. The man who is going to do a job knows just where he will be, on his post at a certain time and can figure out just how long the coast will be clear and the job can be carried on. The careful cop goes at his work just like clockwork. Now, with what some persons would call a bad cop it's different. The crooks are afraid of these bad cops, the fly fellows that take big chances and stay off post when the roundsman isn't around. They can never tell just where a bad cop is or when he will jump out and catch them at their job. See? There is no known system of keeping track of 'em, because they don't do business themselves by any system, those bad cops don't."

Then the old time crook walked into a saloon and got a drink, leaving the citizen on the corner wondering. The citizen learned the identity of the crook when he narrated the incident later to the proprietor of the same saloon. The fellow was a retired bunko man.—New York Sun.

Bonheur's First Painting.

"We had gone back to live in the Rue des Tournelles, Paris," writes Rosa Bonheur in The Ladies' Home Journal. "The garret of the house had been arranged as a kind of studio, and while my father was running to the four corners of Paris to give drawing lessons I worked alone as best I could. One night, when he returned home after his day's labor, he found me finishing my first oil painting after nature, a handful of cherries. 'Why, that's fine,' he said, 'and in future you must work seriously.' From that time on I copied plaster casts, engravings and drew from nature, and how much more agreeable I found the work than I did studying grammar and arithmetic!

"Soon after this I began to work at the Louvre. My costume and independent ways gained for me the nickname of the Little Hussar among the keepers of the galleries. My breakfast usually consisted of a 1 cent roll and 2 cents' worth of fried potatoes, with a goblet of water from the fountain in the courtyard below. I made some important copies. How many of them I have copied! And I cannot repeat sufficiently to young beginners who wish to adopt the hard life of the artist to do as I have done—stock their brains with studies after the old masters. It is the real grammar of art, and time thus employed will be profitable to the end of their career."

Just Like a Sister.

She blushed prettily as she told the sister of her best young man that she thought she would buy a birthday present for him.

"You know him better than I do," she said, "so I came to you for advice."

"Yes," said the sister inquiringly.

"Oh, yes, indeed! What would you advise me to get?"

"Oh, I don't know!" replied the sister carelessly. "I could only advise you in general terms. From what I know of him, however, he will appreciate something that can be easily pawned better than something that cannot."—Pearson's Weekly.

AFTER DEATH.

I sometimes linger o'er the list
Of friends I lost in other days,
And still the question with me stays—
"When I am gone, shall I be missed?"

I doubt if others think the same
Or even wish to share my thought—
That man were foolish who have sought
To leave a never dying name.

When thou hast run thine earthly race,
Thou wilt not "leave a world in tears."
Nor will men come in after years
To view thine earthly resting place.

Thy poor remains will rest as well,
Thy spirit will be no less free,
Although it is not thine to be
A Milton or a Raphael.

Fret not thyself, but heaven thank
If all the good that thou canst do
May be so done that only few
Need ever know thy place is blank.

Be thankful if but one true heart
Shall feel for thee the moment's pain—
Ere it can say, "We meet again"—
Of knowing what it is to part.

One loving heart thou mayest crave,
Lest all thou carest for on earth
Should seem to have no lasting worth
And end forever in the grave.

One faithful heart beneath the sky
In which to leave a seed of love
To blossom in a world above
And bear a fruit which shall not die.
—C. J. Boden in Chambers' Journal.

GETTING A HUSBAND.

"What an idea! You'll never get any one to do it, Lil."

"Oh, yes, I shall! I know just the girl."

"Who? Do tell me."

"Can't you guess?"

"No."

"You."

"Me!" I fairly screamed.

"Yes, you. Now, listen, Bertha. You're just the girl for Duncan. I've always thought so, and I know you both well. Duncan is"—

"Oh, my dear girl, just as if I didn't know everything that Duncan is and isn't and was and will be! And just as though any girl would take that sort of thing on trust and not judge for herself, before she went all the way out to India to marry a man!"

"Bertha, darling, don't get excited. Please do think this matter over seriously and try and see its advantages. Here, I will give you his letter to read and leave you for a little. Do try and like the idea."

I read the letter and can't say I was much impressed, but as it explains the position of affairs here it is:

Dear Old Lil—I am writing to ask a favor of you, but first you must promise you won't think me perfectly mad, as I solemnly assure you I am in earnest. We have always been pals, haven't we? And I think you know exactly what sort of fellow I am. Do you remember you used to say that the reason so many people are unhappily married is because the man always persists in choosing the girl he falls in love with without considering whether she has the qualities necessary to make him a good wife? I remember you once said, "Men would be far happier if they would let their sisters choose their wives for them." Well, I want to get married, and I have resolved to give your wise maxim a trial. Perhaps I may be rather a cold sort of fellow; but, anyway, I have never wanted to marry any of the girls about here. Will you choose a wife for me from among your English girl friends and place the case clearly before her? Tell her all you know of me as regards character, disposition, etc.; also that I am 29 years of age, well off, tall and, I believe, passably good looking. I should like her to be presentable in appearance. The rest I leave to you. We might exchange photos, only mine would be no good, as they are all old ones, and I know you have no decent ones at home. I need hardly add that, though it is a dangerous experiment, I will do all in my power to make it turn out a success, and whoever trusts herself to me shall never have cause to regret it, if I can help it. Let me know as soon as you can, and, believe me, your affectionate brother,

DUNCAN EASTWOOD.

After all, it is rather a good idea, I think—original, if nothing else. But somehow I wouldn't like to take the risk. On the other hand, I've no home, now that dad's gone, and only a poor little £40 a year to live on. Lil's awfully good and kind, but I can't stay here forever. Her husband must think me a nuisance as it is. I shall have to go out as a governess, and here's a chance of marrying a man who is rich, handsome, kind hearted and of whom every one speaks well. I don't care for any one else. Shall I chance it?

Well, I did, after all. I had no one in the world to advise me but Lil and her husband, and they both thought it a desirable match. They said we were made for each other, but I believe in their innermost heart of hearts they think Duncan a bit too good for me. My photo was sent out, and my future husband deigned to say that, "If I was anything like my photo, he loved me already." I think it was rather sneaky of him not sending one of his, but he has been minutely described to me and is going to wear a white gardenia in his buttonhole when he meets me at Calcutta. He has a good post in the Indian civil service and lives in Calcutta in the cold weather and Simla in the hot; so I shall have a good time. Lil rigged me out and packed me off, and as for me—well, I think I shall like him, and I mean to try anyway.

We have passed Port Said, and very soon we shall reach Aden. Every one on board is kind to me.

I shall never forget arriving at Aden, a horrid looking place, with low white houses against a dreary background of rocks, and no trees or flowers to be seen.

An interesting man came on board at Aden. He is tall and broad, with a kind face and dark eyes, and such lovely beard and mustache. I think I rather like beards. That horrid Duncan is clean shaven. I oughtn't to be thinking about men. Oh, dear, I wonder if I have done right!

I heard this new man ask the captain, in whose charge I am, whether he might be introduced to a girl on board.

"Which one?" asked the captain.

"I think she is in your charge," said the man; "a tall, slight girl, with lovely gray eyes."

He must have meant me. I should like to be introduced, and yet in some ways I would rather not. If I fell in love, how awkward it would be!

"Miss Carr—Mr. Rogers." The captain stood before me with the man who came on board at Aden.

I got red and hardly dared to raise my "lovely gray eyes" to the handsome face above me.

"Miss Carr, I know a friend of yours in Calcutta, Duncan Eastwood."

I got redder. How much did he know? How could I tell him I was going to marry a man I had never seen?

"Oh, yes," I stammered. "I am going to stay for a few days with his sister, Mrs. Osborne, in Calcutta. Do you know her?"

"Yes, slightly," he answered. "Rather a long way to go for a visit of a few days, isn't it?"

There was an awkward pause. I simply couldn't tell him the truth.

"Oh," I said carelessly, "I have other plans after that."

He seemed amused at my confusion. I'm sure I looked a perfect fool, and I was thankful that just then another man came up and asked me to join in a cricket match they were getting up.

I have been so happy all these days, but tonight I am the most miserable girl in the world. We shall get to Calcutta tomorrow, and I shall be seized on by that odious man with the white gardenia. I shall never love him. I love some one else, and some one else loves me. A few hours ago Mr. Rogers asked me to marry him, and I told him all my story.

I was leaning over the side of the boat watching the glorious effects of the moon on the dark waters, when he came up behind me. I had a white dress on. I looked up at him as he stood near, and he was looking down at me with a look I had never seen before in any man's eyes. Such a world of love was there, and all for me. It was worth living all my 19 years just simply to see that look.

I don't know why I did it, but I couldn't keep back a great sob, and at that he took me in his arms and kissed me passionately over and over again, as though he had lost all control over himself.

I tore myself away and told him as calmly as I could all about myself.

"I ought to have told you before," I cried over and over. "But, oh, don't you understand how hard it was? I thought you would think me such a dreadful girl to marry a man I had never seen."

"I don't, dear," he said very gravely. "I think it is a good idea, and you will find all will go well."

"You are heartless," I cried despairingly. "You don't care a bit. You are not one bit unhappy."

"My Bertha, it is everything to me to know you love me. I don't think I shall ever be unhappy again."

"You are cruel, heartless, wicked," I cried. "I won't listen any more," and before he could stop me I ran away, and here I am crying my eyes out, wishing we had all been wrecked in the bay.

He called me back. "Bertha, dearest, let me explain." But I wouldn't listen.

A strange thing has happened to me. I went on deck this morning and found everything in a bustle and nearly every one had gone on shore. I waited behind purposely. The captain came up and asked me whether I could see my friends anywhere about.

"No," I answered miserably.

He said he was sorry to see me looking so pale. "The gentleman who is to meet me is tall and clean shaven and will wear a white gardenia," I began.

"Here we are then," interrupted the captain, and I felt rather than saw that some one was approaching. My knees were trembling. I thought I should fall. I couldn't raise my eyes until suddenly a deep voice that I knew—ah, yes, and loved, too—spoke:

"Miss Carr, I think?"

Startled, I looked up. The captain had been called away, and I stood face to face with—Mr. Rogers!

"What does it mean?" I gasped.

"It means, my darling, that I am Duncan Eastwood. Will you forgive me for the deception?"

I couldn't speak, and he went on:

"I was [illegible] to see the dear little girl who had trusted her future to me, so as I had [illegible] a holiday I went to Aden to meet you. Then it struck me I would like to see what sort of a little girl you were before you knew who I was. Lil was right; you were made for me, dear heart. Then I found you loved me. Last night I nearly betrayed myself, but I wanted to see your face when you met me this morning. By the bye, I haven't seen [illegible]. My sister is waiting for you. I have been [illegible] of my beard, [illegible]. Don't you, darling, and see how you like the change."

I looked up, and he took my hands in his.

"Are you still afraid of the risk, my Bertha?"

"There will be no risk," I murmured. "My life will be all sunshine."

"And if not," he said gently, "our love will help us through the shadows."

The experiment turned out a perfect success, and Lil is more than ever convinced that a man should let his sister choose his wife for him.—St. Paul's.

Uncertainty and Fear of Old Age.

It is the practice of certain members of an Oxford college, who all "went up" in the same year, which is now getting on for half a century ago, to dine together yearly. During the year the majority of them never meet at all, their homes being scattered over all parts of the country, and in some cases abroad. Accordingly, when they do meet, they scrutinize each other pretty carefully, marking the changes which have taken place in their respective appearances during the year. At the last of these gatherings a white haired old gentleman, bent almost double with rheumatism, turned with difficulty to his neighbor, and, pointing to a gray beard on the other side of the table, whispered anxiously, "Tell me—I don't really look as old as that, do I?" Funny and terribly pathetic, wasn't it?—Pick Me Up.

Soap of Pompeii.

Soap has been in use for 3,000 years and is twice mentioned in the Bible. A few years ago a soap boiler's shop was discovered in Pompeii, having been buried beneath the terrible rain of ashes that fell upon that city 79 A. D. The soap found in the shop had not lost all its efficacy, although it had been buried 1,800 years.—San Francisco News Letter.

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Major McKinley [illegible] Monday that he had been elected President of the United States. [illegible] declared the different States met and [illegible] him duly elected.

Bradford's Editor Bertie Freeman ought to be truly grateful to John Wanamaker for the large amount of free advertising that he is receiving. Whenever you find a Penrose follower he is as busy as a boy [illegible] telling what a wonderfully bright man Mr. Penrose is. It is passing strange that this brilliant man was not discovered before; he must have kept his light under a bushel. Evidently the covering has been removed and he shines by reflection of some greater light.

The versatile Professor Cooper of the Bradford Sunday Herald claims to know a great deal about the sentiment of the Republican voters of McKean county, as to their preference for United States Senator. He says: "It is safe to say that the great majority of the Republican voters of McKean county was favorable to the nomination of Mr. Penrose and had Representatives North and Dempsey voted for the [illegible] successor they would have expressed the sentiment of at least 75 per cent. of their constituency on that question. They, however, saw fit to carry out the wishes of a few sore heads, [illegible] politicians and [illegible] editors and thereby dig their own political graves." When the Professor makes the statement that 75 per cent. of the voters of McKean county favored Penrose he clearly shows his ignorance of the whole question, and is merely talking for buncombe. Mr. North has a poll book which contains the name of every voter in the county, and he is personally acquainted with almost every one of the said voters, both Democratic and Republican. The petitions (not postal cards) were given to Mr. North and he satisfied himself thoroughly as to the reliability of the same, and voted as the majority desired, for which we honor and respect him. And so do 75 per cent. of the Republican voters of McKean county. Besides it's none of Mr. Cooper's business, anyhow, as he has trouble enough in his own camp to attend to at the present time.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 11, '97.—Senator Sherman will probably settle the question of whether he is to be Secretary of State in the coming administration, during the present week, as he will, by special invitation, have a personal conference with President-elect McKinley at Canton. Mr. Sherman's personal inclinations are not towards the cabinet, but he is prepared to do his duty as a good Republican and a patriotic citizen, and if it be the wish of President McKinley and of the Ohio Republicans, who have given him such great political honors in the past that he should accept a cabinet portfolio, he will not allow his personal inclinations to stand in the way. That he would make a good Secretary of State is as certain as that he has made a good Senator and a good Secretary of the Treasury, and while his colleagues would miss his experience and wisdom in the Senate, the knowledge that President McKinley and the country would have the benefit of them would go far towards consoling them for the loss.

Having heard what the parties directly interested had to say about the new tariff bill, the Republicans of the House ways and means committee will this week begin the actual construction of the bill. The Democratic members of the committee had the privilege of attending these hearings, and some of them availed themselves of it, but the construction of the bill will only be participated in by the Republican members. Chairman Dingley has pointed out the difference in this task and the construction of the McKinley bill in 1890, and it should not be lost sight of by those who are interested in seeing the arduous task successfully performed. In 1890 the treasury had a surplus which was growing larger all the time, and the tariff bill was intended to protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time to reduce the receipts of the government. Now, again referring to Chairman Dingley's words, the new tariff bill must protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time add from $60,000,000 to $70,000,000 a year to the government's receipts, in order to provide for the deficit made by the insufficiency of revenue produced by the Democratic tariff bill, which Mr. Cleveland denounced as an outrage and refused to sign, and which he now declares to be a good thing, notwithstanding all the trouble it has brought to the country.

The Loud bill depriving sample copies of newspapers and books of the right to be sent through the mail at pound rates was passed by the House, and has now gone to the Senate, where its prospect of being acted upon is far from bright. It will be fought hard and time is getting short.

The speech of Representative Johnson of California, on the Pacific Railroad Funding bill, [illegible]

[illegible]

THE MISTAKE SHE MADE.

Railroad Travelers Who at Last Understood Each Other.

She sat by the car window, gazing out upon the lessening country and possibly dreaming of home and things like that.

About six feet away from her, across the aisle, was an empty seat, which at the next station was filled by a man with a sample case. He was 50 years of age or thereabout and was quite as dapper looking as if he were 30, and still the knight to please every fair dame who set her soft eyes upon him.

The lady was young and pretty, with perhaps a shade too much display in her makeup, but still one could hardly say that, for all is not gold that glitters in such cases—or words to that effect.

When the man had sat down in the vacant seat and composed himself for the journey before him, he began to look about to familiarize himself with his environments, and in the course of his visual wanderings his eyes fell upon the young lady. He gave a slight start, as people do when they think they see somebody they know, and looked again.

The lady wasn't looking, of course. But she wasn't asleep.

Not in the slightest.

After a minute or two or three or four of hesitating investigation the traveling man, for it was he, arose and very politely and deferentially approached the young lady.

It was done as if he had been practicing that sort of thing ever since he had picked up the first sample case. Either that or he was to the manner born.

"I beg your pardon," he said as she turned from the window to meet him with a half startled, fawnlike movement not altogether unusual on such occasions, "aren't you Miss Morton of Philadelphia?"

She gave him a glassy stare with a saw edge on it.

"You don't look like a man," she replied with an insolent air, "who would try to work so old a racket as that on me. Do I look so green as that?"

It was now his turn to gaze at her in startled wonder.

"Oh, that's all right," she laughed, moving over to make room beside her, "and I'll forgive you. You know I am not Miss Morton of Philadelphia or anywhere else, and so do I know it. But sit down. I'm lonesome, and I'd just as soon have a pleasant little talk with you as not. I'm to meet mamma at the station where we take dinner."

"I beg your pardon," said the traveling man, backing away. "I am sure if you are not Miss Morton I have no desire whatever to talk with you."

Then he went back to his place, and the flip young woman was rather inclined to the opinion that there was at least one man on the road who could be mistaken honestly.

All of which occurred between Washington and New York within the last two weeks.—Washington Star.

KILLING WOLVES.

Some of the Methods Used to Get Rid of the Pests.

Whole families of the animals are sometimes asphyxiated in their dens. A wolf of the gray variety generally makes its home by getting on the side of a dirt gulch and burrowing straight inward until a safe distance from the surface is reached. There her young are born and raised to study cub estate.

When a cowboy locates a den in which he believes the entire family to be gathered, a composite mass of cotton, saturated with damp flour sulphur and other noxious smelling substances, is thrust into the den and set on fire. The mouth of the hole is then filled with clay tamped down solidly, and the imprisoned wolves are speedily suffocated within. In this way from 6 to 10 and 11 wolves, young and old, are wiped out at one stroke.

Another effective method is to bore four or more holes in a flat piece of board and plug them up with beef fat soaked in strychnine. The odor of the fat attracts any wolves that may be in the vicinity, and they lick the fat voraciously until the leavening of poison does its work upon them and they drop dead. Very often as many as a dozen wolves are killed off by this process before the fat in the holes is exhausted.

Strychnine inclosed in capsules is also used. The capsule is thrust into a slit cut in a chunk of beef, and the wolf, bolting the meat whole, falls an easy victim. Steel traps, baited with raw beef, are also tried with fair success.—Denver Republican.

A PENNYWORTH OF GAS.

In a lecture recently delivered at the Royal Victoria Hall, London, says the Practical Engineer, Prof. Carlton J. Lambert stated that 37 feet of gas, which is valued at one penny (two cents), and weighs about 1 1-4 pounds, can generate about one pound of water when burned, and about 19 cubic feet of carbonic acid. It can heat 20 gallons of water from 50 degrees to 110 degrees for a bath, or it can boil 8 gallons of water in good kettles, and make tea for 64 persons. It can work a 1 horse power gas engine for one hour, or lift a weight of 88 tons 10 feet high, doing the work of six men for one hour. It can melt 10 pounds of iron, and make a casting in 30 minutes, which ordinarily would require two hours and 20 pounds of coke. It can braze a metal joint in two minutes, which would require 30 minutes in a forge. If burned in a 6 inch flue for ventilation purposes, it can induce 60,000 cubic feet of pure air. It can give you a brilliant light (Welsbach incandescent) of 50 candle power for nine hours. It can, in a good radiating stove, comfortably warm a room 16 feet square for an hour. It can easily cook a dinner for eight persons.

THAT "COMFORTABLE SURPLUS."

Secretary Carlisle's "comfortable surplus" has now resolved itself into an estimated deficit of $64,000,000 for the current fiscal year. This result has been arrived at by the Secretary of the Treasury "upon the basis of existing laws." This means the Democratic "tariff for revenue only," known as the Gorman Wilson bill, which President Cleveland denounced as a bill of "perfidy and dishonor," but of which he now says, "if allowed a fair opportunity," "it will in the near future yield a revenue which, with reasonably economical expenditures, will overcome all deficiencies." It has been in force now for two years and four months and the President or his Secretary of the Treasury should explain why it has not been "allowed a fair opportunity." Nobody but the present administration has placed any obstacles in its way. For the next fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, a further deficit of $45,718,970 is estimated, so how long a period of time must a "fair opportunity" be expected to cover?—American Economist.

One thing is certain; it will not do to fool with a bad cold. No one can tell what the end will be. Pneumonia, catarrh, chronic bronchitis, if not consumption, invariably result from a neglected cold. It is surprising too, that bad colds are so often neglected when one remembers how easily and at what little expense they may be cured. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is always prompt and effectual, and costs but a trifle; 25 or 50 cents is a trifle as compared with the disastrous effects of a neglected cold. Mr. Abner Mercer of Downingtown, Chester county, Pa., in speaking of this remedy, said: "Some time ago I had a bad cold and cough. I tried almost everything. Finally Mr. [illegible], the druggist, recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and one 50 cent bottle of it cured me entirely." For sale by A. R. Armstrong & Co.

The old way of delivering messages by post-boys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking" colds compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

The Buffalo Morning Express for the Year 1897.

The year 1896 was one of great growth with The Daily Express. It added many new features, consolidating a permanent increase of two pages in its size, and gained many thousand new subscribers.

It spent a great deal of money to accomplish this end, and that will continue to be its policy. It will return the profits of the business to its readers in the form of improvements.

The Morning Express will be as good this year as money and brains can make it. It will be the best local paper, and it will be something more. The Express now challenges comparison with the better class of metropolitan journals. It is not willing to admit that anyone who reads it needs to supplement its news service with any other daily paper whatever.

It has more special dispatches than all the other Buffalo papers combined. It has special representatives in every part of the country, with salaried agents at the political centers. It has the full dispatches of the Associated Press. It has the largest and ablest staff of editors and reporters in Buffalo.

All of its matter is written by specialists. This is particularly true of the market page, embracing quotations on stocks, live stock, produce and grain, with the current railroad coal and marine news.

The Express prides itself on its clean and fresh sporting intelligence. Two pages of this are printed every day.

There is a full page devoted to women every day. All the society gossip may be found there, with original articles on cooking and the buying of household supplies. There are fashion pictures and descriptions. The musical and dramatic criticisms have a literary quality.

A copyrighted serial story by some well-known author is a permanent attraction.

The Express has a long-time reputation for editorial vigor and independence. Its semi-editorial features are unusually entertaining and instructive. The whole tone of the paper is cheerful, informal but accurate, unconventional but not sensational. Even the local reports are not allowed to degenerate in commonplace. Some family papers are stupid. The Express is not that kind of a family paper. It unites cleanness with brightness, without sacrificing either one or the other.

You only need to try the Express to acquire the habit and become a confirmed reader.

The habit of reading the Daily Express is a pleasant and convenient one to have. Why not acquire it? $6 a year, 50c a month, 2c a copy.

CALIFORNIA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

At 9:15 a. m. Wednesday, January 27, a special train of Pullman composite, dining, sleeping, compartment, and observation cars will leave the handsome Jersey City depot of the Pennsylvania railroad, bound for San Deigo, California, and conveying the first of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's personally-conducted tours to the Pacific Coast.

This train will be the finest that ever crossed the continent, and the tour it carries one of the most elaborate and complete ever conceived for trans-continental and pleasure travel. In charge of an affable and experienced tourist agent, assisted by a highly accomplished chaperon, this party, without fear of missing train connections, and without any of those petty annoyances incidental to individual traveling, crosses the American continent with as much comfort and ease as it would spend a week at the Waldorf, stopping, too, at St. Louis, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Hot Springs, and Santa Fe, and visiting their principal points of interest. A bath room, barber shop, and an upright piano will be found on the train, and every other convenience and luxury of a first-class hostelry.

The great object of this tour is to escape the insalubrious climate of the east and to sojourn for a time amid the transcendent beauties of California, breathe its invigorating air and bask beneath its matchless sky. A grander attraction could not be offered, nor a more perfect method of reaching it.

Five weeks will be allowed in this "Paradise of the Pacific," during which tourists will visit Los Angeles, Pasadena, "Ye Alpine Tavern," Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Mt. Hamilton, and the garden spot of the earth, Del Monte.

Returning, tourists will stop at Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Denver and Chicago. Two days will be spent visiting the famous and sublime freaks of nature in the Manitou region.

Tickets for this tour, including railroad transportation, Pullman accommodations (one double berth) meals en route, carriage drives and hotel accommodations going and returning, and transportation in California, will be sold at rate of $310 from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg.

Apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

School Report

of the Colegrove graded school for the third month:

GRAMMAR ROOM.

Number enrolled, 32; percentage of attendance, 93. The following pupils were present during the month: Alice Layton, Theresa Heinemann, Minnie Evans, Tillie Ellingsfeld, Blanche Davis, Eva Barbour, Sidney Brougham, Geo. Brougham, Willie Scanlon, Elmer Pearson, John Bahan and Warren Chandler. In the last examination the following pupils attained the highest percentage in their respective classes: Algebra, physical geography and general history, Blanche Davis; arithmetic and spelling, Minnie Evans; civil government, Theresa Heinemann; reading, Katie Bartlett; geography, Tillie Ellingsfeld, physiology and grammar, Caroline Putnam; history, Alice Layton; penmanship, Bessie Scanlon. In the B grade in history, Ed. Barbour; arithmetic, Pearl Green.

PRIMARY ROOM.

Number enrolled, 31; percentage of attendance, 93. Those who have been present every day during the month are, Tillie Benson, Nellie Bahan, Ethel Evans, Norma McGee, Ida Malm, Hulda Pearson, Amanda Pearson, Hattie Ray, Viola Gunnarson, Oswald Gunnarson, Jennie and Frank Stoddard, Gertie, Eddie and Fred Wendel, Linn Bartlett and James Tuohy. The school is in a flourishing condition. The boys are much pleased with their new punching bag, which they have suspended in the wood house. Many of the boys and girls are becoming expert in using it. The new organ is a fine one and the pupils appreciate it. They can sing well, too.

Two Weeks in Florida

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with old ocean's waves when lakes and rivers at home are all ice-bound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of good skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting and fishing will take his accoutrements with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the north for the delightful and spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad which leaves New York by special train January 26. Excursion tickets of this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth) and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Philadelphia, $48.00; Canandaigua, [illegible]; Erie, [illegible]; Wilkesbarre, [illegible]; Pittsburg, [illegible], and at proportion rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, tourist agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3 and 4, valid to return, March 4 to 8, at the following rates:

From Buffalo, [illegible]; Rochester, [illegible]; Watkins, N. Y., [illegible]; Newark, N. Y., [illegible]; Canandaigua, [illegible]; Penn Yan, [illegible]; Watkins, [illegible]; Elmira, [illegible]; Erie, [illegible]; Corry, [illegible]; Warren, [illegible]; Williamsport, [illegible]; Wilkesbarre, [illegible], and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The [illegible] facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its [illegible] equipment and [illegible] [illegible] at Washington [illegible] [illegible] on such occasions.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANNIN CREEK.

D. C. Henry was in Port Allegany Friday.

S. L. Holcomb went to Port Allegany on Saturday.

James Wood was over from Rixford Friday.

G. O. Buckley was up from Olean one day last week.

Ace Wood and wife of Port Allegany were visiting in this place Saturday.

Levi Bates of Portville has been spending a few days with friends in this place.

John Reed of Port Allegany was hauling hay from this place to Turtle Point last week.

Louis Knapp of Shingle House was calling on his sister, Mrs. F. K. Winship, Friday.

S. E. Wightman went to Rochester on a business mission.

Mrs. James Wood came over from Rixford Monday to spend a couple of weeks with her sister in-law, Mrs. C. H. Holcomb

Frank Foote of Turtle Point has hired out to work for S. R. Jane & Son for a year and has moved into one of their houses.

Mrs. J. B. Colcord and J. S. Stearns of Port Allegany called to see Mrs. C. H. Holcomb Saturday. It is thought at this writing that there is a slight improvement in her condition.

Miss Josephine Buckley of Shingle House is visiting in this place at this writing.

Dr. Ed. Brown and wife were called from Buffalo to this place by the death of his mother, Mrs. John Brown, on Tuesday.

George Wood and A. S. Strait have gone to Coryville to work in the lumber woods.

CLERMONT.

The Italian who shot the woman on January 2nd has as yet escaped arrest in spite of all efforts of the authorities for his apprehension. The woman is in a fair way to recover. Your scribe regrets being called away from home last week which accounts for our not giving a detailed account of this attempted murder.

John F. Keating, the champion coal operator, has commenced the opening of another coal mine. This is on the Lyman lands and lies about 30 feet below the one he is now working and is a much thicker vein. If it proves to be as he expects it he will work it another summer. This will help to build up our town the coming summer.

The prospects are good for a boom at Clermont this season.

Parties have already been here trying to get a site on which to build a bakery, also another party trying to get a location for a hardware store and tin shop. Whether they were successful or not we are as yet unable to tell.

Tenant houses are scarce in this town and there should be more of them erected to accommodate those who would like to bring their families here to live.

Gust Swanson is again in the employ of W. E. Butts.

Change of Time on the B., B. & K. Ry.

January 1st a new time card went into effect. Trains leave Smethport at 9:10 a. m., 10 a. m. and 5:10 p. m.

Train leaving at 9:10 a. m. connects at Bradford with Erie train 2 for all points west and at Kane with P. & W. train 70 for Foxburg, Butler and Pittsburg

Train leaving at 4:10 p. m. connects at Bradford with Erie train 10 for all points east. Pullman sleeping car Carrolton to New York, and at Kane with P. & E. train 4 for Wilcox, Johnsonburg, Ridgway, St. Marys, Emporium, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington with through sleeping car, etc.

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to buy a nice, sweet piece of
Fresh, Salt or Smoked
MEAT
whether it be a full quarter or a small steak. And for
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Anything you need in this line will receive prompt attention if you will bring it to me and the work and price will be right. Carriage painting and wood working departments in connection.
A NEW CARRIAGE
can be purchased here cheaper than elsewhere and it is good, too.
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A Sufferer Cured
"Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The bones softened so that they would bend, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for

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Sarsaparilla, would be sores, provided I was alive and able to carry anything. Eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured me, so that I have had no return of the disease for more than twenty years. The first bottle seemed to reach the spot and a persistent use of it has perfected the cure."—O. C. DAVIS, Wautoma, Wis.
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Now on hand: It is our custom before taking our annual inventory to place on special sale all remaining winter stuffs at greatly reduced prices. Every article has been made to feel the purse of quick selling and whether it be a pair of woolen hose or a fur jacket you may feel assured that the knife suffer both alike.
The old Price and the new Price are in plain figures—One Price.
Dress Goods.
No matter how [illegible]
We claim to carry one of the finest and best selected stocks in our city [illegible]
In our high grade novelties we carry exclusive patterns, confined to us alone.
Lot of all wool serges, cashmeres and novelties, an entire clearing, formerly selling upwards of 50c. Inventory price 24c
Scotch novelties, all pure wool plaids; all this season's choice styles, 36 inches wide. Some formerly sold as high as 65c. Inventory price 48c
Send for samples.
Silk Clearance.
Evening silks and rich novelties in colors and blacks, and all broken lines of high grade and medium priced silks, at cut prices which will insure their speedy sale previous to inventory.
Dark and medium colored fancy silks all very choice designs. Especially adapted for waists, etc. Inventory price 58c
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Corsets.
Lot of corsets made by some of the best makers; broken sizes; mostly large, several colors and shapes; one of the grandest bargains ever offered. Some formerly selling as high as $1.50. Inventory price 35c
These will not last long and would advise an early attendance to secure some.
Yarns.
We carry all colors and shades of one of the best makes in the market.
To a one lot of odd colors in Germantown Knitting Yarns we will place on sale about [illegible] blue, cardinal, red, etc., formerly selling as high as 15c. Inventory price 5c
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Previous to stock-taking we have made tremendous reductions in all our Jackets and Capes.
Imported Irish Frieze Jackets, satin faced, inlaid velvet collar, straight button fronts and tailor made, reduced from $[illegible] to $6
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A Large Assortment for Ladies and Gentlemen Received this Week.
Lamb's Wool Soles
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Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, Slippers, Rubbers.
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Diaries for 1897 now in.
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I am going to close out my entire stock of Shoes and Rubbers. Every pair must go at COST or below. My stock in complete both in size and styles.
235 pairs of Children's and Misses'.
52 " " Boys'.
300 " " Ladies'.
225 " " Men's.
Come early and secure the best bargains. No shoes charged hereafter.
I also have a few CLOAKS left which will be sold at and below Cost.
J. COLEGROVE,
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Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

Seely's New Society Perfume, Ave Maria, is an exquisite production of daintiness. It is a Society Fad among refined people from ocean to ocean, and is considered the proper thing by all persons who give perfume using more than a passing thought. Sprays from an Ave Maria atomizer captivate you at once; and, by the way, if you are at all interested in "Soap Nicety" and perfection, let us show you Seely's Almond Milk Soap, the great skin beautifier. Fine enough for Queen Victoria, but not a bit too nice for you. Our price, 10c a cake. Money cheerfully given back if you yourself do not think it the equal of any 25c Soap in the market.
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OUR
WINTER SUITINGS
AND
FASHION PLATES
Are now ready for your inspection. Come in and make your selections.
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JANUARY SALE!
This is the month for White Goods and ready made Muslin underwear.
We have on hand a fine assortment of those goods, which we are selling at very low prices and the sale will continue through this present month of January.
We have never offered such bargains in Remnants of Dress Goods, Underwear and Hosiery as we have on our counters of this time.
You will be surprised at the many real bargains offered.
Come and see—the goods will do the rest.
Mrs. T. D. Nash
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 14th, 1897.

ANDREWS & CONKLING. ANDREWS & CONKLING.
At Olean there is a store the size of which would do justice to any city. It is light, clean, up-to-date and has all modern improvements, elevators, electric lights, etc. The line of goods carried embraces everything in the house-furnishing line. This firm has been established 15 years and number their friends and customers by the thousand, in fact, it is a household phrase among the people; "Did you get it at Andrews & Conkling's?" They deal in nothing but first-class goods and the prices are lower than the average dealers charge for inferior goods. If fair and honest treatment of customers is deserving of reward, this firm is entitled to an increased trade. They have a growing trade, in fact, they almost supply the needs of western New York and northern Pennsylania. The stock embraces all kinds of furniture wall paper, carpets, rugs, draperies, linoleums, mattings, window shades, curtain poles, fance girdles, brass and iron beds, white dressers, folding beds, sideboards, baby carriages, couches, office furniture, pictures and picture framing, room mouldings, etc. They pay the freight on all purchases and sew the carpet free. It will pay any one to go to Olean and look over their large stores, over 40,000 square feet is devoted to their business. The firm name and location is
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Stable Blankets.
30 styles for you to select from including the famous Burlington Blanket. the "stay on" kind. No straps or surcingles necessary.
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Square ones—12 styles, including all the famous ones.
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Sleds.
About 25 styles of Children's Sleds and Cutters.
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The fastest sleds made for boys
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The most improved skates for all people—50c. up.
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Just as complete as any city in America can show. Aluminum Cooking Utensils. Labor-saving Kitdhen Articles.
Lamps.
Handsome—Rochester Banquet Lamps as low as $1.75.
New style globes for lamps and gas fixtures. Princess Lamps.
Scarce two lamps alike.
China.
This China department is the marvel of this store. We keep 40 styles of Dinner Sets alone constantly in stock.
Dinner Sets from $7.00 up.
Stoves.
52 styles of Stoves here, including 20 styles of ranges. Our prices sell over 500 stoves each year. New Portable Mantel heaters.
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EMERY & WEAVER. Bradford, Pa.
Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

1897! JANUARY SALE. 1897!
The saying is "wait until after the Holidays and you can buy goods much cheaper," and now the time has come, We propose to close out some of our line of Winter Goods, and if price will do it they will certainly go.
The weather has been mild and so it has been bad for wool underwear and if you want a bargain in this line we have got them. And the same on all wool goods
Our Shoe Department is up to date but we have collected together a line in Ladies' and Misses' which we are bound to let go and if you are in the need or if you do not need them at present it will be your benefit to call, for the price will be so low you can't help but purchase. Now we mean what we say; do not go to the city looking for bargains when you can get them right here at home. During the next 60 days we will give you special prices on all goods through the entire store.
Yours for Bargains,
D. C. YOUNG,
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Goods Sold Will be for Cash.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.'s Mammoth Pre-Inventory SALE.

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In order to have our stock at the lowest notch at the close of our business year we are inaugurating a great mark down

Trade-Boomer.

By way of emphasis we quote below prices on first-class goods which cannot fail to interest

Shrewd Buyers.

Call and inspect these offerings:

Ladies' heavy wool hose	20c.
Misses' " "	15
Ladies' " ribbed vests long sleeves	12 1-2
Gents' heavy wool Mittens	20
Gents' heavy wool hose	20
" light "	15
" heavy " underwear	60
All wool flannel	21

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Cloaks,

We have a few desirable Coats and Capes in stock yet. We will dispose of them at COST.

* * *

We have a complete line of the famous Lumbertville "Snag-proof" rubber goods. Best in the world.

Hats,

Latest styles just received.

* * *

Neckwear,

New line of handsomest patterns.

* * *

Groceries,

Ask about our prices.

We mention two staple commodities

Arbuckles Coffee	18c. lb.
Granulated Sugar	5c. "

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F. G. Lindholm & Co.
GENERAL MERCHANTS,
Smethport, Pa.
Jan. 6, 1897.

Mention the Miner when writing or calling.

The New Year

Finds Gleason at the old stand making first-class pictures the same as ever. If you want a photograph get it now.

Those Carbonates

are becoming famous and gaining popularity every day. Crayons at lowest prices.

GLEASON, The Photographer,
Smethport, Pa.

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Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 1897.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Send in your job work.

—Civil court convenes next Monday.

—The MINER can now supply customers with school orders.

—Borough Republican caucus will be held Saturday, Jan. 23, from 7 to 9 p. m.

—The MINER office is the place to bring your job work. We can satisfy you.

—Over 5411 miles of railroad went into the receivers hands during the past year.

—Port Allegany seems to be troubled with spooks as last week's Reporter mentions a haunted house.

—It is rumored that a prominent young business man of East Smethport will soon take unto himself a bride.

—F. Ford has had a large tank placed in position in the rear of his residence which will be used as a cistern.

—Wm. M. Randolph, a Pittsburg attorney, was the first colored man that was ever elected a presidential elector.

—J. Colegrove has a closing-out sale all this week for shoes and rubbers. This is no fake but a sure go. Go there and be satisfied.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Brownell are rejoicing over the arrival of another boy. All are doing finely. The MINER offers congratulations.

—Last Sunday's Williamsport Grit published a good half-tone cut of Norman Keeler, commander of Smethport Tent, No. 9, K. O. T. M.

—The union meetings which are being held at the Baptist church this week are well attended and much good will probably result therefrom.

—Read the advertisement of A. E. Stickles this week, you will surely find something that will interest you. His prices are surprisingly low.

—Read the change in advertisement of C. E. Barrett, the miller, which appears in this issue. You are sure to be satisfied if you deal with Mr. Barrett.

—One of the prominent citizens of Norwich township called our attention to the fact that the proper name for the cemetery at Colegrove was Norwich cemetery.

—We hope supervisors who attended the Farmers' Institute will take advantage of the instructions given and that we shall see the fruits of it in better roads in the future.

—Mrs. M. S. Comes of Smethport, Pa., and Mrs. P. Hogan of 98 Sixth street were among the late lucky twentieth cloak purchasers at H. W. Marcus' gift cloak sale.—Olean Democrat.

—Attorney W. L. Calkins of Emporium has located at Kane and formed a law partnership with Neil McEwen of that place. The firm name is McEwen & Calkins. The MINER wishes them success.

—In speaking of the players who are to compose the Rochester base ball team for the season of '97, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle mentions Herman Tull very favorably as one of their promising twirlers.

—It is the easiest thing in the world nowadays to tell a pretty girl or woman who is from the country. She always wears her hat at the theater or opera.—Phila. Press. The Press has struck the key note at last.

—Chas. Thompson was killed last Tuesday by being run over by an engine in the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. at Olean. The Olean Democrat says Thompson was about 30 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children.

—Your attention is respectfully directed to the new advertisement of O. D. Bush the hustling East Smethport merchant. Bargain seekers will find much to interest them at this place of business as everything is sold on the lowest possible margin of profit.

—There is a case of diphtheria in this place, Mrs. Thomas Tracy being the victim. She is at the residence of her father, D. L. Forsythe, under the care of Dr. Clark. The house is quarantined and every precaution will be taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

—J. B. Oviatt, the assessor of Norwich township, was a pleasant caller last week and among other things stated that there were 13 deaths during last year in Norwich township and 51 births. The infant industry in Norwich township does not seem to need any protection.

—There is a certain illustrated Sunday paper that comes to this section and last Sunday it published what it claimed were half-tone cuts of E. W. Mullin of Bradford and Leonard Utter of Warren, but by some hocus pocus, Mullin's name appeared under Utter's cut. This is too utterly Utter.

—It is the duty of every elector to carefully look over the list of officers to be elected at the coming election, especially that of school director. Select men who are earnest in the work of education, men who will use the funds judiciously and give as long terms as possible. This is a duty you owe to the rising generation.

—Martin Delmage, who died from the injuries received at the explosion at Healy's mill at Hazelhurst, was buried here last Saturday. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church. Rev. Sanborn officiated. The Maccabees of Mt. Jewett and Smethport had charge of the funeral. The deceased leaves a wife and two little boys to mourn his departure.

—Editor Kimball of the Westfield Free Press, who had the misfortune some time ago to lose his left hand, evidently has some delinquent subscribers, judging from the following: "We notice that one-armed men are being arrested for murder now-a-days, and just rise up to say we haven't committed any murders as yet. Not but that we ought to have, but we haven't."

—A distinguished professor of chemistry placed a linen handkerchief in the explosive condition of gun cotton and threw it into the wash. Bridget washed, dried and sprinkled it ready for ironing without a suspicion of its character. The moment she placed the hot iron upon it the handkerchief vanished into thin air, nearly frightening the poor girl out of her senses.—Ex.

—At this writing Mrs. Thos. Goodwin of Farmers Valley is critically ill.

—John Redman was arrested Wednesday night by Deputy Sheriff Clarke for being drunk and disorderly, and lodged in Castle Davis. Yesterday he was taken before 'Squire Knapp and fined $5 and costs with 25 hours in the fortress.

—Gaetano Scavelli, a brother of Joe Scavelli, the Italian who shot Mrs. Muscato at Clermont Jan. 2, was arrested on the charge of being an accessory before and after the crime. He was brought before Justice Knapp, given a hearing and held in the sum of $500 bail. Judge Morrison afterward discharged him on a writ of habeas corpus.

—The MINER is under obligations to Hon. C. L. Peck of Coudersport for favors rendered while here attending the institute. Mr. Peck has made the farm a study for years and has put most of it to practical use on his own farm and what he tells about farming is not theory but actual practice. Col. Woodward spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Peck as an instructor on practical farming.

—The regularly practicing physicians of Kane have made information against J. G. Hagblom for practicing medicine without being a graduate of any college legally entitled to grant degrees. "Dr." Hagblom had a hearing before 'Squire Gillis and was held in $200. bail. Gust Johnson becoming his bondsman. It seems no one physician wanted to act alone in the matter, so they all went into the matter together.

—The retention of the Bucktail veteran, Thomas H. Ryan, as superintendent of the poor farm by the present board of county commissioners gives unqualified satisfaction throughout the county and particularly in this section where Mr. Ryan has so long resided and where he is so well known. The farm was never in better condition than it is to-day and the helpless of the county were never better provided for.—Kane Republican.

—The Bradford papers mention a man from Hornellsville named Fred Van Barrager, who ran away from a loving wife and an interesting child and came to Bradford. He made himself solid with some of the church members and won the affections of a bright young lady named Miss Jennie Kesterton. The deserted wife from Hornellsville came upon the scene and "hubby" found the lock-up on the charge of perjury as he had sworn that he was a single man.

—The city of Bradford stands in need of a public whipping post at the present time. Tuesday's Star states that a colored individual named Harry Davis, brutally kicked a colored woman by the name of Annie Champlin breaking two of her ribs besides injuring her internally. A man that will strike or kick a woman is lower than brute creation and should receive punishment commensurate with the crime. A cat-o'-nine-tails judiciously applied would have a telling effect on such brutes.

—We received the following communication from East Smethport Tuesday: "George Rosier was Sunday night Skating at Newerf on clint come mill pond While in a race with his father they clied with a Snow flake and fell to the ice with terific force ge rge Striking his knee on his father Skate cutting a gash on his knee pan about two inches long it will lay him up for som time. There IS other work to be don Sunday think what the poor man went through this Sommer." The above is a true copy of the communication as received.

—Last Monday night Fred Harrington, Ira Rockwell and Chas. Schoonover, of Coryville were brought before 'Squire Knapp by Constable Callen on the charge of disturbing the Epworth League meeting at the above place last Sunday night. It seems that religious services have been molested for a long time by these would-be roughs and not until last Sunday night did the respectable residents of that locality succeed in catching the parties. Fifteen witnesses gave evidence and the justice held all three in the sum of $200 each for their appearance at court.

—The Ladies of Brown Hive, No. 48, L. O. T. M., enjoyed a visit from the ladies of Ormsby Hive last Tuesday afternoon. The visit was a surprise, as they were not expected, but was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. The ladies of Brown Hive are royal entertainers and no mistake about that. A fine program was rendered, as follows: Sentiments and remarks by members and visitors, recitation, by Miss Preston; select reading, Anna B. Gifford; remarks, by Lizzie Chambers. The vocal duet by Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Gifford, entitled "A Sister's Faithful Love," was fine and received well merited applause. Some of the ladies were excused from the room and prepared a lunch fit to set before the Queen and then all returned home happy, hoping to meet again soon.

—Last Saturday afternoon Bernard Pratt harnessed C. M. Colegrove's colt to a road cart preparatory to taking the horse out for exercise. As Bernard was about to step into the cart the colt, which has but recently been broken to harness, suddenly threw its head down and caught one of the lines on a thill. This frightened the colt, and when Mr. Pratt tried to reach its head to quiet it, the horse turned quickly striking Mr. Pratt with its shoulder knocking him down. The colt in jumping around got one of the thills between its legs and started to run from the barn. It ran in this manner to Theodore Norman's residence beyond the cemetery. Strange as it may seem the colt was not injured in the least. The only damage done was to the cart which was a complete wreck.

—According to the Williamsport Sun that city was thrown into a feverish state of excitement last Saturday afternoon. Hon. Seth Foreman, a prominent lumberman and one of the leading citizens of the city, was shot by George K. Landers, postmaster at Newberry. Landers had been on a protracted spree and Mr. Foreman one of his bondsmen asked him to resign the office; Landers said he would and drew a revolver. Foreman grabbed his arm and in the scuffle the weapon was discharged the bullet striking the latter in the abdomen just below the naval. Mr. Landers said he intended to shoot himself, while Mr. Foreman declares he aimed at his (Foreman's) heart. The physicians have some hopes of Mr. Foreman's recovery, but the chances are against him. The writer has had a personal acquaintance with the wounded man for over 16 years and it was with sincere regret that we learned of his misfortune and hope he may meet with a speedy recovery.

The folly of prejudice is frequently shown by people who prefer to suffer for years rather than try an advertised remedy. The millions who have no such notions take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for blood diseases and are cured. So much for common sense.

House for Rent.

House with seven rooms, piped for gas and water. Price $6.00 per month. Water free. Inquire of

D. C. YOUNG.

Kremis, Mercer county, Pa. We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best remedy in use. We use it in our families, and it is a favorite among our customers. Hosier Bros. & Co. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

Farmers and Breeder's Institute.

The Farmers Institute of McKean county met at the court house at 1 p. m. last Friday. There was quite a full attendance, about 100 farmers being present. Col. J. A. Woodward of Center county, who is president of the board of trustees of State College and one of the best informed agricultural instructors in the state, was present. C. L. Peck, president of the Farmers and Breeder's Ass'n of Potter county and O. J. Vine of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture were also present as instructors.

FRIDAY.

Col. Woodward opened the discussion by a talk on practical dairying for profit. He forcibly illustrated the great loss occasioned by lack of intelligent feeding of the dairy cows. The feed should consist of a certain proportion of milk and muscle food called protein and fat producing food called carbohydrates. If either of these are fed in too great or too little amount a great loss in feed ensues. So great is this difference that the same cow that was fed in one way at a great loss, may by proper food, without additional cost, be fed at a marked profit. In short the difference between feeders at profit or loss depends principally upon whether the cow is fed intelligently with proportions of protein, carbohydrates, fat and organic matter. He said that a cow could be increased in production, often at less cost. He then gave to those present a work on feeding instructions, "How to Feed for Profit."

Mr. Vine followed upon the subject of "Feed and Management of Dairy Cows." The cow must be fed regularly, in time and quantity and must be milked at regular periods. She should have all she will assimulate. The better the cow the more she will eat. He recommended ensilage as all important to dairy feeding.

C. L. Peck gave a talk on the dairy cow. He gave for example the characteristics of the dairy cow and how to select her. He had a number of photographs of a fine cross bred Jersey-Guernsey cows as an object lesson in pointing out the special merits of the dairy cow. He very forcibly urged the necessity of the special purpose cow.

The fore part of the evening session was devoted to answering practical questions. After which Prof. Eckles took charge of the subject, "Educational Interest of the farm." After a few pointed and well timed remarks he called upon Col. Woodward.

This speaker said that the pushing mental energy that moved the great business interests of the cities largely originated on the farm. The farm boy made the successful business man. The great need was that this same energy and push be directed toward the developement of scientific agricultural knowledge and the carrying of that knowledge into practical use. Fit the boys and girls to fill the markets of life that demand capability wherever that demand or market may be. Methods that prevailed before fertility was exhausted would not do to-day.

The farmer must be educated and know how to meet present conditions or meet with certain and signal failure. Nature's laws must be known and observed and her account properly balanced. The speaker gave a full statement of the advantages of State College, located in Centre county, where tuition is free, students are given a complete scientific education, agricultural and otherwise. He especially recommended the 12 and 6 weeks agricultural and dairy courses.

SATURDAY.

Same time of the morning session was consumed in answering questions at the close of which Col. Woodward took up the road question. He advocated a cash tax to be used in making roads of such quality as should comply with a reasonable quality and kind as should be prescribed by competent State authority and which should be subject to inspection by the county surveyor and that when a quantity of road had been so constructed, inspected and approved the State should pay to the town treasurer an amount equal to about ½ the cost of construction of such road. He advocates the use of wide tired wheels with severe penalties against hauling 1 ton or more on a wagon with narrow tires. He explained in a convincing manner how, on properly constructed roads made at little if any expense over present form of roads, the use of wide tired wagons with front axletree shorter than rear one our roads could be kept in good conditions at all times of the year. He condemned the narrow tire as the greatest road destroyer known. He showed that the wide tire was easier to draw when loaded, was a road maker instead of a road destroyer. The speaker favored local control of roads and road taxes and the application of road taxes and strongly opposed State supervision as extravagant and useless. He warned the farmers of the great danger of increased taxes the bulk of which would find their way to the pockets of State road officials instead of being used in the construction of roads.

Saturday evening Col. Woodward gave a very able and interesting lecture on fertility, or the necessity of giving back an equivalent to what is taken off.

East Smethport Against the World.

Our lively suburb, East Smethport, can probably beat the world for lawsuits over small matters. Wednesday morning, ex-Justice Allen had Jack Lowey arraigned before Justice Knapp charged with assault and battery.

Allen testified that he came out of his pool room and censured Lowey for enticing young men away from his place of business, when the defendant rushed for him and struck him in the face, mutilating it considerably, upon which he went into the pool room, picked up a cue and returned to the scene of the conflict and struck at defendant. Reddy Fulkrod testified the same as above with the exception that Allen struck the above Reddy with the cue. Harry Smith swore that he saw defendant strike complainant. Thus endeth the prosecution.

Lowey, the defendant, testified that Allen applied a very lengthy string of vile epithets to him, and after asking complainant to desist without avail, struck him with a heavily mitted fist; that Allen retreated and returned with a billiard cue and dealt a heavy blow at him, which was cleverly warded off with his right arm, skinning his wrist quite severely. Will Hyde's testimony was, in substance, the same.

Justice Knapp tried to effect a settlement, but Allen said that he did not bring suits to be settled. Lowey was held in $200 bail.

But the sport did not end here. In the afternoon Lowey brought a counter charge of assault and battery and the ex-justice was arraigned before Justice Reynolds "of the lower courts." About the same evidence was given. He was held in $200 bail, but on refusing to give it the judge committed him to jail. Allen's counsel tried for a writ of habeas corpus yesterday but was unsuccessful and he was released on bail. Truly East Smethport is hard to beat.

The length of life may be increased by lessening its dangers. The majority of people die from lung troubles. These may be averted by promptly using One Minute Cough Cure. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

Cloaks at and below cost at J. Colegrove's.

OBITUARY.

Fredrick William Heinlein was born in Ham Haven, Germany, July 14, 1827, and died at his home in Farmers Valley, McKean county, Pa., Jan. 8, 1897, being 69 years, 5 months and 24 days of age. Mr. Heinlein emmigrated to this country at the age of 18 and enlisted in the Mexican war, after his return he was married to Miss Anna K. Dehn and settled in Pittsburg. He was also a soldier in the civil war. To their marriage were born seven children, four have passed over before their parent, and three with the mother remain. Martain Heinlein of Farmers Valley, Jennie R. Olds and Mary J. Tubbs both of Olean, N. Y. Mr. Heinlein was a member of the Lutheran church from his childhood. He strove to live a faithful, Christian life and at the last his hope was bright saying all is well. He suffered for a long time. The decline was gradual, it seemed to be a general breaking down. At last the end came and peacefully he passed to his eternal rest. Peace be to his ashes.

The funeral was conducted from the Farmers Valley church, Sunday at 2:00 p. m., Rev. W. A. Bennett officiating. The G. A. R. Post took charge of the burial and performed the ceremony at the grave. There was a large attendance at the funeral the church being packed.

W. A. B.

MICHAEL M'KEERNAN.

Michael M'Keernan, one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of this county passed away Thursday morning at 8 o'clock, surrounded by his children, grandchildren and friends. His sickness was of short duration, the immediate cause of his death being apoplexy. He was an honorable and upright citizen, an indulgent father, kind neighbor, winning the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

Deceased was born in County Cavan, Ireland, came to this country in 1835 settling in Philadelphia, from there he came to Smethport where he resided until his death. He was the father of ten children, five of whom are still living: John M'Keernan, Mrs. M. O'Reilly, of this place, Mrs. John Kane of Olean, Mrs. J. Risslo, Kansas City, Kansas, Mrs. M. Phalen of Sartwell and one sister, Mrs. Rose Cooney, who also resides there.

Saturday all that was mortal was laid to rest at St. Elizabeth's cemetery, Smethport, followed by a concourse of friends and relatives.

Communicated.

If you have the space to spare in your valuable paper, allow me to say that which I think will express the opinion of a majority of those who are most interested in what I have to offer.

Without intending to be critical I must say that according to my opinion your columns of newsy matter last week were sadly offset by publishing such an article as appeared in that issue above the signature of "Critic." Permit me also to say that this spasmodic outburst of censureism does not meet with my entire approval.

I think that I have a large majority of the audience, who sat in rapt attention during the recent concert given by the Mozart Symphony Company, on my side when I say that this aggregation is one of the finest combinations of musical talent that a Smethport audience ever listened to. My musical education may have been sadly neglected, but my firm conviction is that not one of those listeners (unless it was "Critic" as referred to above) went away from that hall with anything but commendation on his or her lips and the knowledge that they had been very pleasantly entertained.

Your space for such communications as these must be limited and I have little more to say. Before I close permit me to mention Prof. Hoch, the cornetist. His manipulation of the cornet and trumpet is something marvelous. His rendition of popular American airs awakened the patriotism within the hearts of his hearers and although this great and glorious nation has successfully eluded any strife or combat for a long term of years, it was plainly manifest that love of country, courage and general respect for the nation are still deeply imbedded in every American heart. Taking it all together I think this "provincial" audience was satisfied.

Yours,

LISTENER.

The Smethport Entertainment Association deserves the thanks of our community for the very successful series of lectures and concerts which they have given.

While the Association sought the best talent it could obtain with the means at its disposal, it never assumed the position as some peoples' talk would indicate of endorsing every word said in a lecture, or every bar of music sung or played in a concert.

The criticism of a professional musician in regard to a few points in the last concert has to do, of course, only with the music and if the performers were a little indifferent and careless before a Smethport audience no one was responsible for that but themselves. The whole effect was good, however and while we do not appreciate the fine points of criticism which a professional musician is capable of making, we cannot say that he is wrong without we assume a musical knowledge which we do not really possess.

READER.

Installation Exercises.

Thursday evening Jan. 7, the G. A. R. Post, No. 347, and W. R. C., No. 23, held an open meeting for the installation of officers. Comrade B. F. Wright installed the following officers of the Post:

Commander, H. M. Choate; Senior Vice Commander, E. R. Mayo; Junior Vice Commander, G. W. King; Chaplain, T. A. Morrison; Officer of the Day, S. G. Bush; Officer of the Guard, Geo. Icons; Adjutant, H. L. Burlingame; Sergeant Major, J. Porter Howard. Past Commander T. A. Morrison installed B. F. Wright, Quartermaster. Commander H. M. Choate installed the officers of the W. R. C., as follows:

President, Kate L. Wright; Senior Vice President, Rebecca Kerns; Junior Vice President, Nina Rumsey; Secretary, Rose E. Peirce; Treasurer, Sarah M. Vickery; Chaplain, Adell Grigsby; Conductor, Judith Pratt; Guard, Sarah Eaton.

Speeches were made by E. R. Mayo, T. A. Morrison, Professor Eckels and Past Department President Mrs. Helen Morrison, Music by Dr. H. L. McCoy, Grace McCoy and Elida Wright. Supper was served by the W. R. C.—a very enjoyable open meeting. Our genial comrade, Jacob Hafner, Surgeon-elect, was not present to be installed. Too much praise cannot be given to Commander Jonathan Colegrove for the work he has done for the Post the past year, the following letter will explain itself:

"I have just read the report of the inspection of your Post on Nov. 19, '96, and I congratulate you and through you the officers and members of your Post for the most excellent condition in which the Inspector found so much to praise. You are an honor to the Department of Pa., Grand Army of the Republic.

Fraternally Yours,
CHARLES A. SUYDAM,
Department Inspector."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Emil Thamm visited Clermont Tuesday.

T. B. Clark was over from Bradford Monday.

J. F. Keating of Clermont was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Forrest visited Bradford friends yesterday.

David Howells of Kane visited the hub yesterday.

Otto J. Hamlin visited Potter's capital yesterday.

Judge Morrison and wife visited Kane Monday night.

Gilbert Moody of Coryville was a pleasant caller yesterday.

M. W. Heinlein of Farmers Valley was in town on Wednesday.

Alba J. Gilfillan returned to Smethport the first of the week.

P. B. Anderson transacted business in Bradford last Monday.

G. W. Mitchell took in the sights of the oil metropolis Tuesday.

Col. Hugh Boyd of Clermont autographed at the Central Monday night.

Mrs. W. F. Specht and children visited Bradford friends Wednesday.

Judge Hamlin transacted business in Coudersport Wednesday and Thursday.

Rob't Bauer, a prominent insurance agent of Bradford, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. Ralph Burdick has been visiting her mother in Mansfield for a few days.

County Auditors Cannon, Freeman and Cory visited their homes over Sunday.

S. E. Bell came down from Kane Saturday night and spent Sunday with his family.

Commissioner Lemuel Davis and Clerk S. D. Weaver spent Sunday in Kane with their families.

I. T. Lenox, the newly appointed mercantile appraiser, of Mt. Alton was in town Tuesday.

S. H. McCandless started for Pittsburg yesterday to visit his father who is somewhat indisposed.

Sheridan Gorton, W. F. Specht, W. P. Eckels and T. H. Ryan visited Bradford yesterday.

Mrs. Wm. N. Hanna of Bradford and Miss Mary F. Clark of New York city were in town Tuesday.

A. P. Brewer of Norwich was attending the farmers' institute last week and of course called at this office.

Mesdames Henry Hamlin and J. Heber McCandless returned from an extended visit at Binghamton last Saturday.

Mrs. Emma J. Gillis of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Specht for a few days, returned to her home Wednesday.

Rev. G. W. Halliwell, George Patton and Fred G. Clark, all hustling insurance men of Kane, were in attendance at the underwriter's convention yesterday.

W. H. Swort, a prominent lumberman from Farmers Valley, was a pleasant caller last Tuesday. He is anxiously looking for snow to bank his logs.

O. J. Vine of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture was in attendance at the institute here last week and did noble work for the advancement of the farmer.

Miss Josie Baker is a guest of friends in town. Miss Baker was formerly a resident of Smethport and her many friends are glad to see her again. Buffalo is now her home.

Col. John A. Woodward of Howard, Pa., was a pleasant caller at this office while here attending the Institute. Mr. Woodward is engaged in a noble work—that of educating the tillers of the soil. He is meeting with grand success and in a few more years this section of the State will see the effects of his great work.

L. N. James of Bradford is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Latham, of East Main street. Mr. James was a pleasant caller at this office Thursday and presented us with a copy of Illustrated Coudersport. The book is published by Chas. Latham and is a work of art. It is highly appreciated by the MINER man, as every illustration is as familiar as the face of an old friend.

A Sensible Suggestion.

The Bradford Era sums up the situation about right in relation to the appointment of a special detective for McKean county in last Monday's issue. Too many criminals escape owing to the fact that there is no officer whose duty it is to look after such cases. It is to be hoped our commissioners will see their duty clear in this matter and select some good man for the place. Following is the article from the Era:

"One week ago last Saturday, a villainous Italian attempted, in the most brutal and fiendish manner, to murder a defenceless woman of his own nationality in the vicinity of Clermont. The county authorities at Smethport were immediately notified, but the man who had committed the crime was allowed to escape. Had there been a special detective in the service of the county he would doubtless have followed up the trail of the fugitive and brought him to justice. A reward has been offered for the man's apprehension, but it is not likely that he will be found. That reward and many others offered in similar cases during the year might be placed in a fund to pay for the services of a special officer."

One of the most remarkable cures of rheumatism on record is related by Mr. J. M. Thompson, postmaster at Decker's Point, Pa., as follows: "While out driving one day last winter I was caught in a cold rain. The next morning I was unable to move my head or arms, owing to an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My clerk telephoned for a physician, but suggested that I use Chamberlain's Pain Balm, there being a bottle open on the counter. He rubbed the affected parts thoroughly with Pain Balm and built up a hot fire. I dozed off to sleep and when I awoke about half an hour later the pain had gone entirely, and I have not been troubled since. People come here from many miles around to buy Chamberlain's medicines. For sale by A. B. Armstrong.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like action will surprise you. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles East Smethport.

Always keep in the house a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for throat and lung troubles. Your druggist has Ayer's Almanac.

How is this?

Over $340.00 were saved by the many patrons of Dr. PIERCE during the months of Nov. and Dec.

Not bad, Eh?

And still you can save 25 per cent. on all Dental operations by calling on

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"A word to the wise," etc.

Books!

I have them all

For

The Readers.

H. C. Wells.
Smethport, Pa.

NEW YEAR OFFERINGS!

We have a few offerings this week that have genuine merit. They R regular teasers, being things of every day use, needed in every family, and we have made the prices so they will open Pocket Books automatically. They R:

4lb feather pillows at	48c
6 carved oak, ratan bottom, chairs	$5.75
Carved rockers	$1.35 & $1.50

The last but not least is our large white beans that we are selling at 3 1-2c lb. They R new crop beans & will cook quick & R guaranteed to be as good as any in the market.

A. E. STICKLES,
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This is Headquarters

for everything in the line of harness and vehicles. We offer style, safety and comfort at extremely low prices. We have manufactured vehicles so long we have reduced the business to such a science, that we can sell fine goods for the same price others charge for an inferior grade. Needn't take our word for it—come and find out for yourself. Seeing's free.

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He keeps a stock of

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and in fact everything kept by a first class general store. He is always pleased to show goods quote prices, which are as low as any reliable concern is able to give on good goods. A trial will convince you.

MOTHERS!

When in Olean don't forget to visit the

CHILDREN'S BAZAAR.

You will find just what you want for the little ones.

We keep Infants' Dresses, Vests, Skirts, Bands, Bootees, Cloaks, Kint Sacques and Toilet Articles.

Children's Aprons, Drawers, Hosiery and Handkerchiefs.

Also a fine line of Stamped Linens and Wash Embroidery Silks, India Linens, Nainsooks, Embroidered Flannels, Laces, &c.

SOMETHING NEW

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—John Hay.

JUST PURE NERVE.

They had been talking of nervy men when one of the gang asked if they had ever heard of Johnny Healey, who dealt roulette in Santa Fe in the early days of the town. He wasn't a "bad man," a little, smooth faced chap, weighing perhaps 125 pounds. But he was lightning, and by and by the boys learned that he carried large quantities of nerve with him at all times.

One night Healey strolled into the White Rose saloon, and sitting down by a small table some distance away from the gang began smoking a long, black Mexican cigar while reading a newspaper that had come down by the last stage. He puffed away at the cigar until half an inch of ashes hung at the end.

The young fellow was tilted back in his chair pointing up at an angle of 45 degrees. The ashes made a splendid target, and big Bob Sweeney cautiously drew his gun and gave the lure the wink.

There was a flash, a loud report, and the bullet from Bob's pistol flecked the ashes off Healey's cigar just as light and smooth as if he had brushed them away with his finger. To the surprise of every one present the young fellow did not jump and yell as they had expected. Instead he slowly folded the newspaper, laid it down on the table and then turned and looked at the gang with a questioning expression on his face. He did not even remove the cigar from his mouth.

When he saw the smoking revolver in Sweeney's hand, he got up and, walking over toward the table where the gang was seated, asked in the mildest sort of tone, "Did you shoot at me or my cigar?"

The gang was completely taken aback at the coolness of the fellow.

"I just thought I'd flip the ashes off your cigar, young feller, and save you the trouble," replied Sweeney, who still held his revolver.

"Thank you very much. I just wanted to know what you were shooting at. It was a good shot. There's no hard feelings. Have one with me!"

As Healey spoke he pulled out another long cigar and handed it to Sweeney. The big fellow held out his hand for the cigar, but he was fairly dazed by the action of the young man. Then Healey went back to his own table and sat down again. As soon as Sweeney had recovered from his surprise he winked at the crowd, and, putting up his gun, struck a match to light his cigar. As he raised the burning match toward his mouth there was a sharp report, and it was knocked out of his fingers. Quick as lightning Johnny Healey had drawn a 6 inch derringer and had shot the match out of Sweeney's fingers.

"Never light a cigar with a match. The fumes of the sulphur may spoil the flavor of the weed! Allow me to offer you a light," said Healey, stepping over and extending his lighted cigar with his left hand.

Bob Sweeney's face was a study. He let his cigar drop on the table, and, with his hands on his knees, he just sat there for a minute and glared at the young chap.

"Did you do that?" he gasped at last.

"Yes, but I meant no offense. Here is a light."

Bob picked up his cigar, but when he went to light it the boys saw that his hand was shaking a trifle. He got the cigar burning, and then he sat and puffed it in silence for five minutes, at the end of which time he got up, and, glancing at the half burned match lying on the floor, said:

"Well, I'll be ——!"

Sweeney marched up to the bar and took a drink without a word to the gang. Then he started out. To reach the door he had to pass the table where Healey sat quietly reading the newspaper. As he walked past the young fellow the big bully took off his hat and went out of the door on tiptoe. Pretty soon the others of the gang followed, and before morning every man in Santa Fe knew that little Johnny Healey was the quickest and best shot in the territory and that his nerve was the pure stuff.

That little shooting match fixed the [illegible]. Healey continued on the even tenor of his way, never boasting of anything and playing in hard luck most of the time, for six months passed before the boys had a chance to see his nerve tested again. He was gambling more and more all the time and was usually broke.

One day there drifted into the town a [illegible] bad man. He wore [illegible] and called himself Arizona Jake. His available assets consisted of two revolvers, a knife and a record of [illegible] and three plain killings. [illegible] that he was hunting trouble, and the boys decided that he should not be long finding it.

A week [illegible] followed [illegible] Johnny Healey, but [illegible] prove it at the inquest. It was late at night, and Healey was in the [illegible] playing the high card and [illegible]. He seemed [illegible] that his luck would change [illegible]. He had spent his last dollar for [illegible] and had staked his last stack [illegible] when Arizona Jake entered the place [illegible]

[illegible]

young fellow, do you know me?"

"Don't want to. Let me finish this deal," replied the young gambler.

The big bully seemed a little perplexed because Healey would not resent anything he did, and, standing a few feet away, he began to curse and abuse the young fellow. By this time Healey had lost his last chip.

"I'll try one more deal. Give me $5 worth of chips on my gun," said the gambler as he took out his revolver and passed it over to the dealer. The chips were pushed across the table and Healey staked them all on one turn of the cards.

Arizona Jake had seen the young man pass over his pistol, and with a yell he jumped and seized Healey by the collar, lifting him clear over his head. He swung him around two or three times and then let him drop on the floor.

Healey landed on his feet and there was fire in his eyes. Quick as a flash he reached across the faro table and snatched up his pistol from the open drawer where the dealer had put it. Jake saw the movement and reached for his own gun, but he was not quick enough. There was a loud report, and the big, cowardly outlaw tumbled over, shot through the heart. Healey turned back to the faro table just as quiet as if nothing had happened, and, handing his pistol back to the dealer, he said:

"Go on with the deal. My last five on the queen."—Buffalo Express.

BARMAIDS IN LONDON

SOME VERY RESPECTABLE GIRLS CHOOSE THIS VOCATION.

One of Them, a Beautiful Irish Lass, Explains Why Many of Them Do So—They Are Looking For Good Matrimonial Catches—Titles Wanted Usually.

Under the title "Feminine Types In London" Jane Francis Sheppard gives in La Nouvelle Revue an account of the London barmaids.

"They are recruited," he says, "among the bourgeoisie as well as among the lower classes. Some of the most interesting types can be found in the bars or public houses of the west end, close to the fashionable theaters. Among them are very many perfectly respectable girls, who have chosen the career of a barmaid in order to make a living and, especially if they are pretty, to get a chance to catch a rich husband.

"A public house, situated at the angle of one of the principal thoroughfares, is both a gilded palace and a mine of gold. It exercises a strange fascination upon the poor country bumpkins who have just enough to pay for a drink, but the dude coming out of a theater, the country greenhorn, the fashionable snob and the frequenter of the music halls are always to be found there. It is among them that the barmaids hunt for a husband. If there is one class of London society more stupid than another, it is that one which includes the frequenters of the public houses. With a pipe in his mouth and a glass of beer or whisky in front of him the young Englishman, dressed in fashionable style, with a slight and elegant figure and regular features, remains standing for more than an hour paying pretty little compliments to one or several of these ladies.

"The barmaid judges her customers by the cut of their clothes. If you want to attract her attention, you must present yourself with a silk hat and a handsome cane in your hand and a suit cut in the latest fashion. The high hat is de rigueur. Without that there is no possible chance of success.

"It was not without difficulty that I managed to get an interview with one of these young ladies, whose intelligence was equal to her beauty. At first I was astonished at finding so much intelligence in an English girl, but I learned that she was Irish, and that explained the mystery. Her father was dead and her mother was left without resources. So she was determined to come to London and look for a husband by posing behind a bar in Piccadilly.

"'I was hardly more than three days here,' she said with an amiable and roguish air, 'when I understood why it was that so many pretty English girls don't get husbands. When they are beautiful, they are generally stupid. When they are intelligent, they are cold, masculine and ugly. Englishmen travel a great deal and meet in their ramblings through the world very many sprightly women, and they do not care for pretty girls who don't know how to chat with them.'

"'But in this mixture that comes here to drink and chat,' I said, 'how do you distinguish the men of the world from the others?'

"'I recognize them by three things,' she said boldly, 'by their figure, by their clothes and by their complexion. For the most part they are tall and thin, dressed in the latest fashion and have a complexion more or less bronzed. This last trait is the surest sign.' Seeing that I looked astonished, she added: 'Nothing can be more simple. An English gentleman, if he has a fortune, passes three-fourths of his time hunting and in other open air exercise. The chaps who remain always in London have a paler and more delicate complexion, and, moreover, the expression of their faces is quite different from that of the others.'

"Noticing with what attention I was listening to her, she continued: 'The gentlemen that I refer to have nothing elegant about them except their clothes, for their conversation lacks novelty. How can a man who understands nothing but hunting and cricket interest an intelligent woman? The conversation that goes on here in the name of wit makes me tired, but these gentlemen are the easiest of all to deceive. They are great big children in everything except sport and politics.'

"'But you are always engaged,' I said, 'and it is difficult to get an opportunity to chat with you. You must already have had several offers of marriage?'

"'I have been only one month here, and I have already had three. Two [illegible] from very rich sportsmen, but [illegible] alone won't do for me. What I [illegible],' she added, laughing, 'is a title. You know, I must have a title.'

"At this moment the play in one of the neighboring theaters was over, and the public house was invaded by a crowd of men, more or less stylish. The beautiful Irish girl kept herself somewhat aloof and only served customers that had the appearance of gentlemen.

"Well, I left London. A few months afterward, on returning there, I wanted to see once more my beautiful Irish barmaid. She was gone. Another lady was in her place, and she told me that Miss Cleary had left to marry the second son of a prominent nobleman."

Addition to Yellowstone Park.

Captain Anderson, superintendent of the Yellowstone National park, says that an effort is being made to secure legislation from congress which would add the Jackson's Hole country to the park. The area which it was proposed to take in is about 50 miles square and contains Jackson's lake and the Three Tetons mountain peaks. It is rich in natural scenery and would, in the opinion of the captain, add materially to the park's attractiveness. Senator Carter of Montana has drafted a bill for that purpose, which has the indorsement of the senators from Montana and Idaho, but the Wyoming senators have not yet been won over.—Omaha Bee.

An authority on deaf mutes says that the ratio of deaf mutes to hearing is about 1 to each 1,500, according to which there are about 44,000 such persons in the United States and about 1,000,000 in the world's entire population.

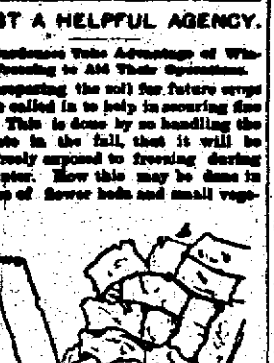
The red carnation is regarded in Spain as an emblem of despair. There is a tradition in Andalusia that the flower sprang from the blood of the [illegible]

FARM AND GARDEN

FROST A HELPFUL AGENCY.

How Gardeners Take Advantage of Winter Freezing to Aid Their Operations.

In preparing the soil for future crops frost is called in to help in securing fine tilth. This is done by so handling the soil, late in the fall, that it will be most freely exposed to freezing during the winter. How this may be done in the case of flower beds and small vegetable plots, that are worked with the spade, is suggested by the accompanying sketch from American Gardening. The main idea involved is the turning over of the soil and leaving it in the roughest possible shape, just as it falls from the spade, with no breaking up. This with a view to its laying so loose that the cold can readily penetrate the mass. In the engraving a shows the soil before spading and b the same after spading.



FALL TILLING OF THE SOIL.

The principle on which the frost acts favorably in improving tilth is in the rupturing of the soil particles by expansion. In the accompanying figure at c is represented a clod of earth. The irregular dark lines are meant to indicate the spaces between the soil particles, which, in wet soil, are filled with water. As a matter of fact these spaces are much smaller than the engraving seems to show. The action of the frost seems to expand the soil particles and the water with which the earth may be charged. The result is that the soil particles are broken and separated in somewhat the same manner as a bottle or jug in which water has frozen is broken. The further result is that in proportion as fineness of soil is more favorable to seed and plant growth, so the more completely the soil is divided by repeated freezings and thawings during the time between crops the better for the coming crop.

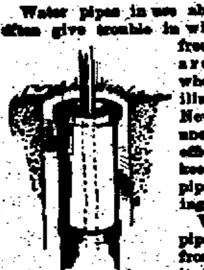
It is noted in this connection that one need not, as in spring tillage, wait until the soil is quite dry before spading, for it is an advantage rather than otherwise to work it so wet that it leaves the spade in unbroken clods; the more interstices in the mass after it is thrown over the better. The difference in the following spring and summer between soil that has been fall worked as outlined and that which has remained untouched until spring, is most marked. Beds that were thus thrown up roughly in the fall come out the following spring a mass of earth as fine as an ash heap. To overlook the gain that comes from killing the larvae of various destructive insects by turning up the soil before winter would be a mistake. It is known by many actual tests that they die in large numbers by winter freezing.

Advice to the Fertilizer Farmer.

There seems to be an impression that high grade fertilizers are so soluble that all one needs to do is to harrow them into a plowed field. It is a mistake to let this idea interfere with the demand for thorough tillage. As Rural New Yorker explains, one great advantage in using manure is the fact that it expands and opens the soil so that water, sun and air may readily enter it. Its very bulk is an advantage for this reason, even though this bulk be made up of substances that contain but little plant food. In one sense, aeration is almost as helpful to the soil as it is to milk. Now, when fertilizers are used without frequent "green" or bulk manuring, tillage must take the place of the manure in opening up the soil for the air and sun. Instead of merely plowing and harrowing to prepare the seed bed, the fertilizer farmer should give his soil twice the working deemed sufficient for a manured field.

Protecting Water Pipes.

Water pipes in use about the farm often give trouble in winter through freezing. There are situations where a device illustrated in the New York Tribune will prove efficacious in keeping a water pipe from freezing.



PROTECTED AGAINST FROST.

Where the pipe emerges from the ground it is surrounded by two or more lengths of 3 inch drain pipe, the joints being tightly cemented. This gives a dead air space about the pipe that is very effective in keeping out frost. If the pipe be wound with strips of felt and tarred paper before putting in the tiling, so much the better. If the water pipe comes up under a building, as a barn or stable, let the tiling come close up to the floor. Then box the whole about with boards, from the surface of the ground to the floor, and two air spaces will be secured, to the great security of the water pipe.

A Common Danger.

If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to wear away it may interest you to know it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis, asthma or catarrh. Otto's Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Call on A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove; S. W. Stickney, Newerf, and get a trial bottle free.

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"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon and that is not where the liver is." "Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport A. E. Stickles, East Smethport.

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WHAT IRRIGATION DID.

On the Grounds of the New Jersey Station With Garden Crops.

In a bulletin from the New Jersey station is recounted the results of a series of experiments on various garden crops. The irrigation was not begun until demanded by drought in the fall, and was continued from Sept. 17 until the crops were harvested, varying with different crops from Oct. 4 to 28. The water was distributed in channels between the rows, from the city waterworks, and applied by means of inch faucets and hose. In the case of eggplants and tomatoes the season was so far advanced that no substantial results were noticed. New growth was stimulated in the eggplants, but no increased fruitfulness was obtained. A plat of eggplants that was not irrigated had been mulched in July and treated with bordeaux mixture. When compared with other unirrigated plants, some of which had been sprayed with bordeaux mixture, while others had received no treatment, the mulched plat gave a yield nearly double that from the plat only sprayed with bordeaux mixture, which in turn gave twice as many sound fruits as where no treatment was used. With tomatoes a new growth was produced and the foliage was freshened, but no gain in fruit resulted. With these and with eggplants irrigation must be given in midsummer instead of in late autumn.

The result of irrigating bush beans was very satisfactory, the yield being largely increased and the quality superior. The period of fruitage with peppers was prolonged and the yield nearly doubled. In addition, the fruit from the watered plants was firm and plump and of fine color and quality, thus being of greater market value.

The leaf development of turnips was greatly increased by irrigation; but, although there was an increased growth of roots, they were destroyed by the club root, which raged with unusual virulence in the moistened soil.

The soil of the celery plat was not the most favorable, but the yield of the irrigated plat was more than doubled. The market value of the crop produced from the irrigated plat was eight times that produced without the aid of artificial watering. The loss from outside leaves and roots in preparing the plants for market was 28 per cent in the case of the irrigated plants against 40 per cent in the nonirrigated plants.

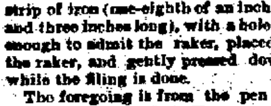
Manuring Hop Vines.

Hop vine roots are very apt to be thrown out by alternate freezing and thawing. The root is hardy, and scarcely any amount of freezing will kill it, unless it is alternated with enough warm weather to loosen the soil around the roots before the next freeze comes. This fact suggests the natural and most effective way of manuring hops. Here is what American Cultivator says on the subject:

Throw a forkful of manure over the hill—better after it has been frozen than before. If this is done before the general freeze up, it is likely the soil will remain frozen all winter under it. Hops thus wrapped in frozen soil will be ready to start with the first warm weather, which will be before hops left exposed all winter can begin to grow. It is the protection rather than fertility which the manure furnishes that gives the hops most benefit. But the manure does good later on, when it is thrown off the hill and mixed with the soil in the annual thinning of hop roots, which they must have to grow thriftily. It is often said that commercial nitrates are better than, or at least as good, as stable manure. But they cannot be to the hop grower or to any who uses manure as protection for plants or fruit trees rather than as a fertilizer.

Filing a Saw.

Every one who files a crosscut saw ought to know how to prevent the screeching noise when the rakers are filed. I fit mine in the manner shown in the illustration. It takes time to file openings, B B, in the rakers, but it pays, as it saves lots of time when one wants to put a saw in order in a few minutes. To make these openings file on an angle slightly upward from each side of the saw, and the harsh noise is prevented. Now when dressing the rakers squarely across, or horizontally, the "screeching" may be prevented by simply holding a light piece of iron on the opposite side of the raker, or, better still, a thin strip of iron (one-eighth of an inch thick and three inches long), with a hole large enough to admit the raker, placed over the raker, and gently pressed down on while the filing is done.



POINTS IN FILING A SAW.

The foregoing is from the pen of a contributor to the Ohio Farmer.

A hornets' nest usually contains from 300 to 400 perfect males and females and an indefinite number of workers.

The distance between Cape Town, South Africa, and Washington is 6,684 miles.

The Greatest Monarch

Is a fit subject for pity if he is troubled with dyspepsia, while his poorest subject who digests properly may well be envied by a prince thus afflicted. The dyspeptic of every clime and nation owe a debt of gratitude to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which rescues them from one of the most obstinate and troublesome complaints against which medical skill is directed. On this continent, in Europe and the tropics, this sterling remedy is pre-eminently and justly popular, not only as a stomachic, but also as a means of preventing and curing malarial, rheumatic, kidney, bilious and nervous disorders. It improves appetite and sleep, hastens convalescence and the acquisition of vigor after exhausting maladies, and counteracts the infirmities of age. A wineglassful taken before retiring has a tendency to promote tranquil, health yielding sleep, a boon much coveted by nervous people.

A Note from the Editor.

The editor of a leading State writes: "If you had seen my wife last June and were to see her to-day you would not believe she was the same woman. Then she was broken down by nervous debility and suffered terribly from constipation and sick headache. Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves made her a well woman in one month." A. W. Colegrove, Smethport; C. M. Benson, Colegrove; S. W. Stickney, Newerf. Large size 25 and 50 cents.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by A. B. Armstrong Smethport

The old lady was right when she said the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. W. Colegrove, Smethport, A. E. Stickles.

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IMPROVING POO[illegible]

One Brake With Labor [illegible] More Potash on [illegible]

If there is an intelligent [illegible] of what the farm needs, a small amount of money, with what labor the farmer can himself do, will make a great change. We knew a Scotchman many years ago who, like most Scotch farmers, was a thorough and intelligent cultivator. Some parts of the farm he had lately bought were wet. With his own hands he dug a ditch, plowing out as much as possible so as to lessen the work. After the ditch was dug he gathered stones and carefully laid them so as to leave a good water course at the bottom. He had not the money to buy tile, which were then scarcer and dearer than now. But his stone drain kept this land dry for 20 years, while we knew the farm, and it is doubtless doing good service yet. The foregoing is from American Cultivator, also source of the following:

Seeding with clover as often as possible, and using all the homemade manure to make this clover grow, will bring land into condition for profitable production quicker than can be done in any other way. If the land is sandy, use all the ashes possible, and if these cannot be had in sufficient quantities, buy potash salts. More potash is what sandy soils need to make clover grow. After sandy land can be made to grow even one crop of clover, there will, with good management, be no difficulty thereafter in getting either a clover or grass seeding.

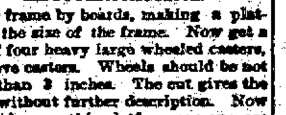
On a poor farm take the benefit of every advantage which even the least fertile farm may offer for making money. Many a poor farm has a wood lot, from which, if the farmer is willing to work, he may cut and haul away enough wood every winter to make more real profit than he can get by working the land in summer. If he uses the winter earned money in improving his cultivated land, it may soon be brought into a high state of productiveness. Where there is much stone on the farm or it is underlaid by rock, the opening of a quarry will sometimes prove the most profitable enterprise that the farmer can go into.

In still other places running streams of cold water may be stocked with trout and fish may be grown in large quantities by making small ponds with dams, and protected at both inlet and outlet so as to prevent them from escaping. Wherever these trout fish ponds are provided it is easy to make the farm on which they are located a popular resort for city visitors, who will leave more money for their entertainment than can be made by ordinary farming.

Platform Truck.

As there are always more or less of lifting and shifting of barrels and boxes and moving grain and corn from one part of the barn to another, it put us to thinking how we might do away with much of the heavy lifting, and the following, shown by the accompanying cut, is the result. Thus writes an Ohio Farmer correspondent. He adds:

Secure 2 by 4 pine pieces or any light wood and make a frame 2½ by 3 feet. At the corners half lap each piece. Then



HANDY PLATFORM TRUCK.

cover frame by boards, making a platform the size of the frame. Now get a set of four heavy large wheeled casters, as stove casters. Wheels should be not less than 3 inches. The cut gives the idea without further description. Now then place on this platform one or more barrels and push it up to that bin of wheat you want to move to another bin and fill the barrel, then push to wherever you wish. And when you thrash use a barrel and the platform truck instead of sacks and save the heavy shouldering of sack and carrying to bins.

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In effect Sept. 6, 1896.

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee, [illegible] Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday 9:40 a. m.
Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday, 4:30 p. m.
[illegible] connects at Olean with P. R. R. for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont, and points south

Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Accom'n daily ex Sunday [illegible] p. m.
Clermont Accom'n daily ex Sunday, [illegible]
[illegible] Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday connects at Emporium for Philadelphia [illegible] p. m.

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General offices, Mooney Brisbane Bldg., Cor. Main and Clinton St. Buffalo N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 15, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3:10 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia, [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m. week days ([illegible] a. m. Sundays.) Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Washington 7.40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper, for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD.

7:16 a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday, for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaving Ridgway [illegible] p. m. for Erie.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

[illegible] p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo [illegible] a. m. daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. [illegible] a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., Washington 7:50 a. m., Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:15 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Junction [illegible] p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York [illegible] p. m., Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. [illegible] a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
Daily except Sunday.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
[illegible]	Ridgway	[illegible]
[illegible]	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
[illegible]	Hemlina	[illegible]
[illegible]	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
[illegible]	Straight	[illegible]
[illegible]	Instanter	[illegible]
[illegible]	Smith's Run	[illegible]
[illegible]	Woodvale	[illegible]
[illegible]	Clermont	[illegible]

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 3:37 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible] p. m. also at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 3:10 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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[illegible] p. m.—Mail—For Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden, Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

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LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND

[illegible] a m.—Accommodation—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA R. R.
TIME-TABLE.
Took effect Monday, June 15th, 1896.

1 a. m.	3 p. m.	5 p. m.	STATIONS. Ar. Dp.	2 a. m.	4 p. m.	6 p. m.
[illegible]	[illegible]	7:30	Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	7:10	Cowley Junc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	7:00	Austin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
......	1:37	[illegible]	Costello	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wharton	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Logue	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hull	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Cross Fork Jc	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Germania	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Galeton	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gaines	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
......	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ansonia	[illegible]	[illegible]	......
a. m.	p. m.	p. m.	Dp. Ar.	p. m.	p. m.	
a. m.	a. m.	p. m.	Cross Fork Br.	a. m.	p. m.	p. m.
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ar Cr F'k Jc dp	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	dp Cross F'k ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

H. Hutchinson, Train Master.
C. W. Goodyear, Gen'l Manager.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, taken effect Monday, [illegible] 1896.

AR. EASTW'D.			STATIONS.	L'V WESTW'D.		
A. M.	A. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
...	7.30	2 10	Ulysses	7.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	7.21	[illegible]	Crowell's	7.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	7.16	1.55	Perkins	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	7.13	[illegible]	Newf'ld Jun't	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	7 00	[illegible]	Raymond's	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	[illegible]	[illegible]	Seven Bridg's	[illegible]	3.11	[illegible]
...	[illegible]	[illegible]	Colesburg	8.21	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	[illegible]	1.14	Frink's	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
...	[illegible]	1 00		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	...	[illegible]	Hammond	...	...	[illegible]
[illegible]	...	...	Fish Basket	...	...	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	...	[illegible]	Knowlton	...	[illegible]	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	...	12.17	Coleman	...	[illegible]	...
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't. Arrive	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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South			Stations		North	
[illegible]	......		Clermont		[illegible]	......
[illegible]	......		Clermont Junc		[illegible]	......
[illegible]	......		Wildwood		[illegible]	......
[illegible]	......		North Fork		[illegible]	......
[illegible]	......		Kay Fork		[illegible]	......
[illegible]	......		Gray Gables		[illegible]	......
[illegible]	......	Ar	St. Marys	Lv	[illegible]	......
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lv		Ar	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Kaul		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Dents		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Grell		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Gillies		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Palmo		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Cooversville		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Dagus Crossing		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Shelvey Summit		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Caneo		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Thompson		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Quarry		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Brandy Camp		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Elton		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Hyde		[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]		Ridgway		[illegible]	[illegible]
p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.

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